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**CHINA'S FOOD
PROBLEM**

THE news that China is seeking additional supplies of grain from Canada and Australia, as reported last week in the CHINA MAIL, may not mean a further deterioration of the current food shortage but it points clearly to the fact that its food problems and its attempts to resolve them are going to be in the news for a long time to come.

Essentially, the food crisis has been caused by attempting to accord equal priority to three conflicting problems. They are population, agricultural production and industrial development. The drastic shortfall in agricultural production for the second successive year has clarified the issues to the extent that China knows it cannot do all three things at once.

AND as there is little it can do about reducing population and as food has the greatest priority in times of famine, not only for local consumption but for export to pay for China's big capital goods imports, the sacrifice was made in its ambitious industrialization plans. And the big switch of workers from the land to factories of a few years ago has now been partially reversed.

How much of China's present food troubles have been caused by miscalculation, overhastiness, bad planning and other "human" factors, and how much by natural disasters it is difficult to state exactly.

THERE is little doubt, however, that the unyielding communist system has contributed to loss of output and this is being altered to make them more workable and productive and, most important, to overcome opposition and resistance that their strict enforcement has aroused.

For example, instead of giving all farm workers the same payment and food rations irrespective of their output, incentives are being offered for outstanding achievements and in some cases peasants have recently been allowed to carry on private businesses and hold private property of their own. These are only temporary measures to ease current hardships but in view of the fact that they amount to a reversal of unpopular policies and in some cases concessions to recent Soviet criticisms, they underline the seriousness of the situation.

HOW successful China will be in correcting the imbalance in priorities may well depend on how willing its leaders are to heed criticism. It has gone some way to instituting reforms. It has also attempted to tighten discipline in areas where local officials appear to have used their own initiative in a way that has caused resentment and discontent.

All this has taken place not without minglings by orthodox elements in the party who are afraid of the excesses of individual freedom. Truly it is said that the Chinese Government will have to call on every ounce of goodwill and ingenuity if it is to prevent a growth of social unrest and at the same time to overcome the alarming deficiencies in its food production on which economic survival depends.

**Russians reported to compromise over Hungary
NO RED AGGRESSION CHARGES**

**East-West
tension
believed
easing**

Washington, Mar. 5.
The Soviet Union has said privately that it will drop charges of alleged American "aggression" at the General Assembly session, which resumes on Tuesday, provided the United States does not push the Hungarian issue, Soviet diplomats said today.

This is one of the suggestions made through private diplomatic channels in an effort to ease tension between the countries, it was learned.

The "aggression" charges follow last year's U-2 flight and the RB-47 flight. The Hungarian issue arises from the 1956 revolt.

The United States Government is also understood to have been informed privately that Mr. Nikita Khrushchev does not intend to go to the United Nations. There had been speculation that the Soviet Prime Minister might go to New York although Mr. Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, is leading the Soviet delegation.

There has been no indication that the Kennedy administration will agree to drop the Hungarian question from the assembly agenda. But it is determined to do whatever it can to remove sore points between the United States and the Soviet Union so that worthwhile negotiations can take place on such issues as a nuclear test ban agreement and disarmament.

Evidence

Evidence of this is the attempt being made by Mr. Llewellyn Thompson, the United States Ambassador to Moscow, to give Mr. Khrushchev a message from President Kennedy.

Mr. Khrushchev is on an extensive tour of the Soviet Union, but Mr. Thompson said last Friday he was ready to meet Mr. Khrushchev "anywhere and at any time."

Other major items on the agenda for the UN Assembly are disarmament and the financing of the UN operations in the Congo.

The Washington Post reported today that Mr. Adlai Stevenson, the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, approached Mr. Valerian Zorin, the Soviet delegate, last week seeking agreement to side-track debate on disarmament during the session.

The newspaper said the request was rejected.—Reuters.

**Knifed brother
during TV**

New York, Mar. 6.
When his brother became noisy while watching a prize fight on television, Angel Colajazzo, 35, thrust a knife into him and pushed him out the door, police said.

Colajazzo then returned to his set and watched the rest of the fight on Saturday night between Sugar Ray Robinson and Gene Fullmer.

Neighbours came by a short time later and found the fatally stabbed brother, Santos, 46, in the apartment hall.

Police arrested Angel, still watching television, and charged him with homicide. They said he admitted the stabbing.—AP.

**KIDNAPPING
REWARD**

Police today announced a reward of \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest of the kidnapers of Mr. Wong Sik-pun.

Wong, seized by gunmen while travelling to work in his car on February 10, was freed sixteen days later.

Up to that time a reward of \$10,000 was posted for information leading to Wong's location. This reward has now lapsed.

Since Wong's return there have been various speculative reports by the Chinese Press on what happened to Wong during his captivity.

They allege that Wong never saw his kidnapers and that he was released on condition that he pays a ransom demand later—or face death.

**Arrests
in
Peugeot
case**

Lyon, Mar. 5.
French police today arrested six persons amid reports of a break in the Eric Peugeot kidnapping case.

Eric, who was four years old at the time, was kidnapped last April from the playground of an exclusive Paris suburban golf club. He was released unharmed two days later after his father, wealthy Roland Peugeot, paid almost 50 million francs ransom.

Police refused to say anything about the arrests but investigators from Paris who have been working on the still unsolved kidnapping took part in the action.

STOPPED

Four persons were arrested in a car which was stopped early this morning at Triviers de Courtes. They included, according to reports, a doctor and a Eurasian woman.

Another couple was arrested at about the same time at a hotel at Megeve. According to one report a heavily armed police detachment made the arrest as the couple apparently was in the act of packing to move out of the hotel.

Both the couple arrested at Megeve and the four persons arrested at Triviers de Courtes were brought to nearby Annecy for questioning.—AP.

**FREIGHTER
LOSES DECK
CARGO**

Melbourne, Mar. 6.
The British freighter Almerian arrived on Sunday from New York after having lost 80 tons of machinery carried as deck cargo during a heavy storm in the Tasman Sea last Thursday.

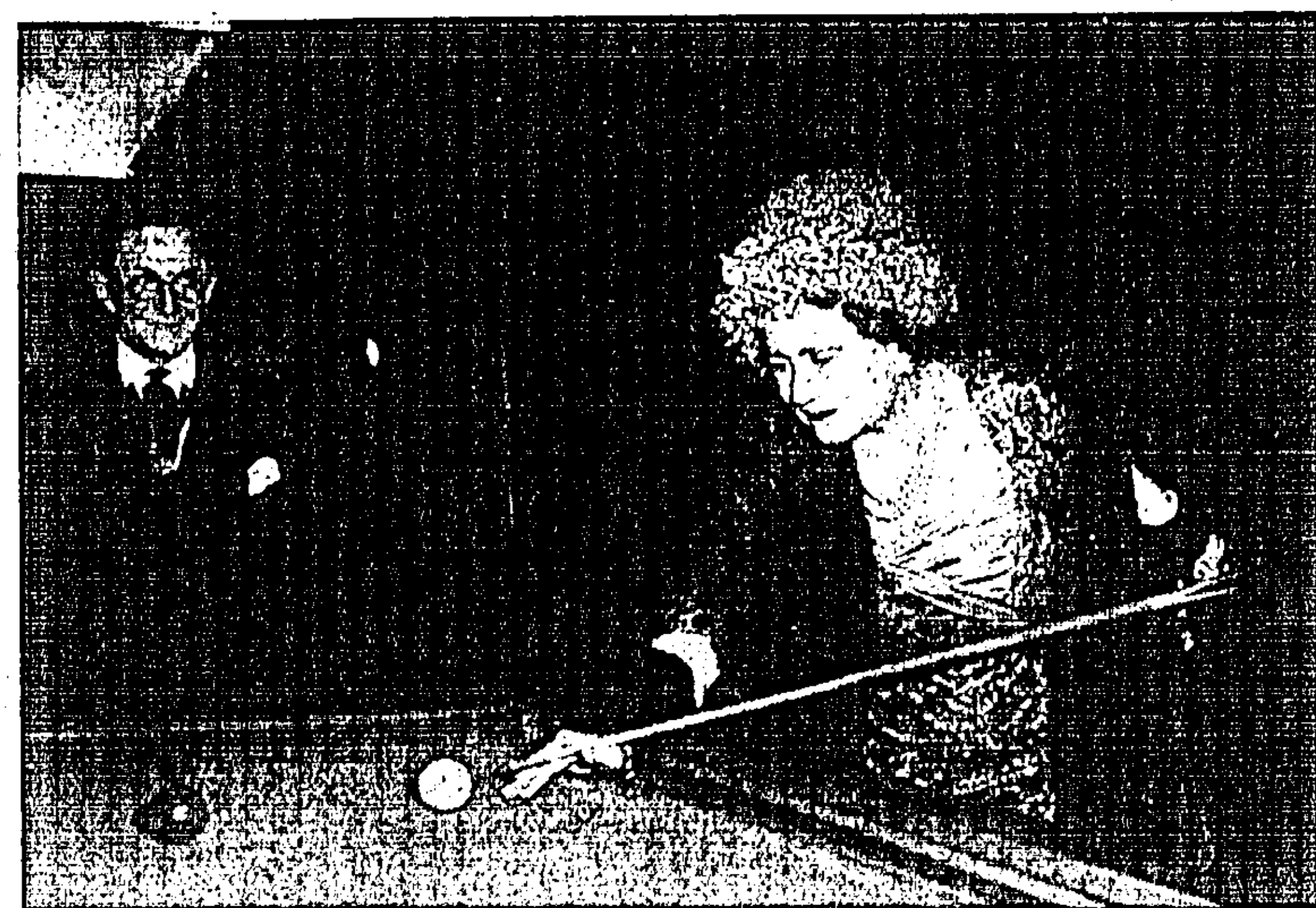
The machinery, destined for an open cut coal mine at Port Augusta, South Australia, plunged overboard when the 3,650-ton ship rolled during the storm.

The machinery sheered through two inch steel hawsers and took a length of railing and some derricks with it.

Officers said the ship almost capsized.

During the weekend ships along the Australian east coast continued to receive buffeting as 75 mph winds whipped up huge waves.—AP.

Cue for the Queen Mother



**LIZ HAD AN
HOUR
TO LIVE**

London, Mar. 5.
Miss Elizabeth Taylor rallied from pneumonia tonight with the aid of a mechanical respirator but her husband Eddie Fisher said it was touch and go at one point last night physicians had given her only an hour to live.

The 29-year-old Hollywood movie queen's doctor, Carl Goldman, said she was conscious and improved tonight but unable to talk and still not out of danger.

Fisher, pale and exhausted after a long vigil at his wife's bedside in the London Clinic, finally was talked into leaving to go to their hotel suite and get some rest.



Miss Taylor

"I think she has turned the corner and is fighting back," the crooner said. "I feel very relieved."

He said he had gone through "torment" as his wife lay in surgery for an emergency operation to open her windpipe last night and then as she lay in a hospital bed fighting for life against "severe staphylococcus pneumonia."

At one point last night, "I was told she had only one hour at live," Fisher said.

Still sick

He went back to the clinic after a short time at the hotel to resume his bedside vigil.

"She is by no means out of danger," Dr. Goldman reported. But he said her condition had improved following emergency surgery to open her windpipe last night and use of the respirator to help her labour breathing.

She remained "a very sick girl," a spokesman said.

The "lung" invented by two British doctors — was brought with a 60 mph police escort from a store 50 miles away after an earlier bulletin described the 29-year-old actress' condition as "grave."—UPI & Reuters.

**RECORD
SHARE
MARKET**

There was excitement at the Hongkong stock exchange this morning as business reached an all-time record for a morning session. The approximate turnover was \$9.5 million.

The previous record was \$7.7 million set on January 24.

Gains were registered in almost every section. The best percentage rise was in Realities which closed at \$2.025 this morning compared with \$2.25 on Friday.

A total of 118,000 Realty shares were transacted at prices ranging from \$2.40 at \$2.025.

The leading share, Hongkong Banks, closed at \$1800, against \$1870 on Friday.

No particular reason was given for the sudden spurt in activity. However, there is generally believed to be a large amount of capital in Hongkong which has helped to bring about a steady rise in the market in recent months.

The upward trend was momentarily checked before the Budget. With the presentation of a favourable Budget, today's rise may be a natural follow-on.

The daily volume of business after this afternoon's session is expected to surpass the all-time record of \$11,000,000 set on January 31.

HOT MARCH

Washington, Mar. 5.
The temperature reached 80 degrees here today, breaking an 81-year record for this date.

The Weather Bureau said the previous warmest day record for March 5 was 79 degrees. This was in 1880.—AP.

**CANADIAN SOLDIERS
RELEASED BY
CONGOLESE**

Ottawa, Mar. 5.
Eight of nine Canadian soldiers missing since they were shelled by Congolese troops in Matadi have been returned safely to Leopoldville, army headquarters said tonight.

A spokesman said three of them suffered "minor injuries." There was no report on the whereabouts of the other Canadian.

The Canadians were overwhelmed in their villa headquarters on a hill overlooking the local Congolese army camp. Mortar bombs tore great holes in the building on Saturday and signals from the Canadians ceased around 4 pm. Fighting alongside the Canadians were seven UN Sudanese troops. There fate was also unknown.

Fierce fire

The gun battles which have raged in scattered parts of the town between Congolese and Sudanese troops since Saturday have so far cost the Sudanese seven wounded and seven missing, the spokesman said. Three of the wounded, including an officer, were in serious condition.

There was no immediate indication of Congolese casualties. The main battle raged in the centre of the town where Sudanese troops in their Hotel Metropole headquarters exchanged fierce fire with the Congo army headquarters across the street.

The 134-strong Sudanese garrison was reported running short of ammunition as the battle wore on through the day. Communications faded as the Sudanese radio sets were knocked out of action and by late this afternoon the Leopoldville UN headquarters said it had lost touch.

**FALL FROM
OUR BRIDGE**

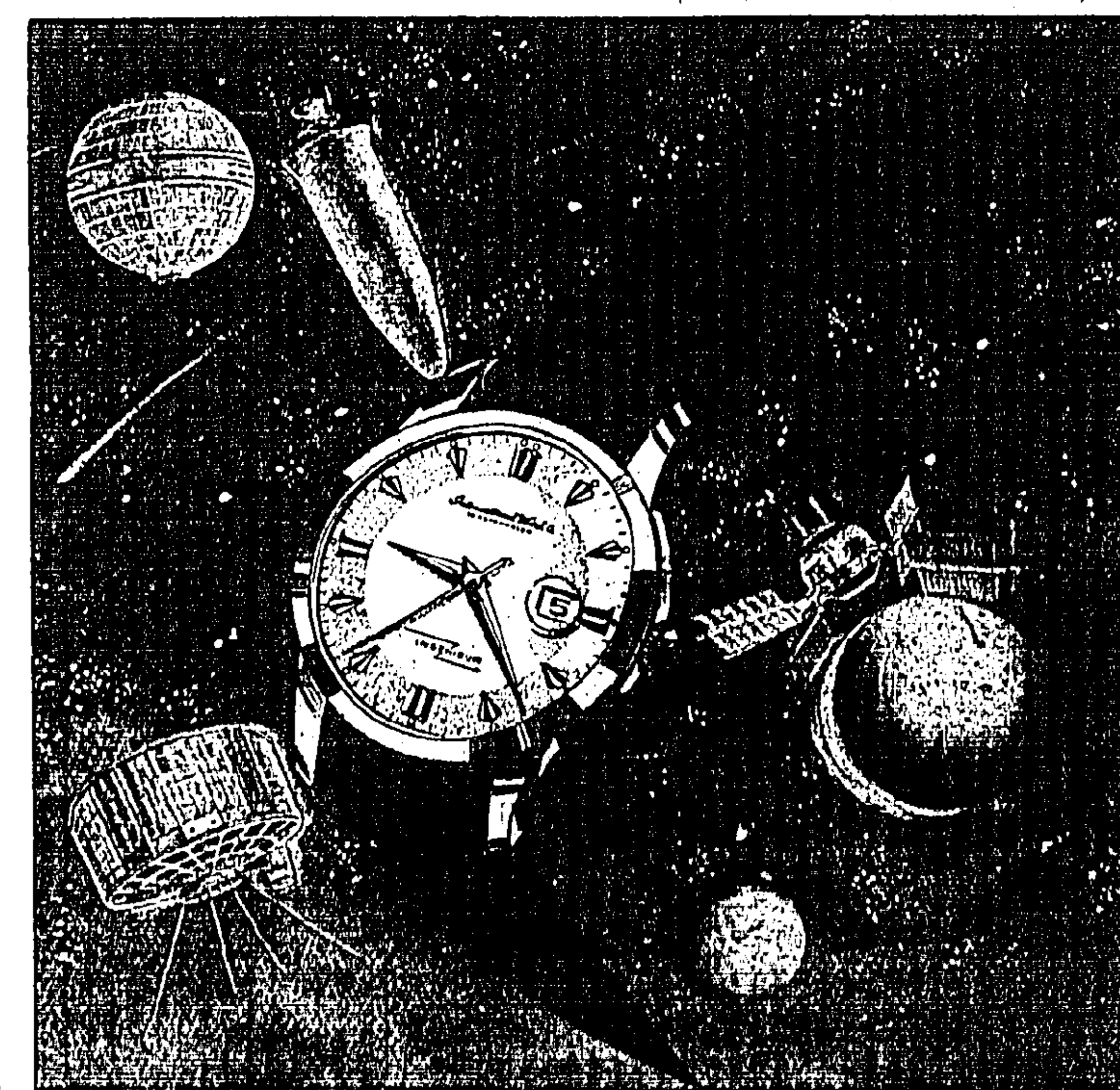
Sydney, Mar. 5.
A man fell 190 feet to his death from the top of the Sydney Harbour bridge arch today.

His body was recovered from the pedestrian crossing. Police believe the man, who was not yet 30, had been climbing a ladder on one of the two girders of the arch.—China Mail Special.

WOMEN ATTACKED

Nairobi, Mar. 5.
Four men armed with pangas attacked and injured two white women at their home at Ruiru about 18 miles from Nairobi today.

Mrs. Clara Stubbs, 89, and her daughter, Miss Florence Stubbs, 55, were rushed to Nairobi hospital with extensive wounds.—AP.



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Weekly survey of American economy

OPINION CHALLENGED

Did Kennedy paint too black a picture?

New York, Mar. 5.

Conservative elements in U.S. public opinion this past week again criticised the Kennedy administration for painting an unnecessarily black picture of American economy.

But most available statistics so far stand firmly to support the conservative businessman's contention that the long-expected rise in the economic level is about to start even without the help of various government measures.

The leading spokesman of the conservative business wing, Fortune Magazine, sounded the attack by saying that "There has been a growing gap in recent weeks between the state of the American economy and what is being said about it in Washington."

Far from being in the midst of a descending spiral, the magazine said, actually business is showing the reverse. It even suggested that the recovery, not far away, may be of "explosive" proportions.

President Kennedy, at his mid-week press conference, answered the criticism by pointing to facts and figures. So too the debate is whether the statistics, the majority of them compiled and published by the government, correctly assess the situation.

CERTAIN DOUBT

There always has been certain doubt about this but since there is no better way of measuring the pulse of economic life, analysts have had to keep an eye on the figures and base their judgment accordingly.

True, there were two indicators this past week which could be read as showing the beginning of an uptrend. One, steel production held steady at 1,582,000 tons, unchanged from the week before but higher than in any previous week since last summer. This means there has been a slow improvement in steel orders despite the crippling cutbacks from the car industry.

Two, manufacturers in January reduced their inventories by \$100 million, the smallest decrease since the stock reduction started in earnest last summer. This is being taken as a sign that the long slide in factory inventories may be nearing an end. However, the developments in steel still do not hide the fact that production of the metal so far this year is running almost 45 per cent below a year ago. And the slowing of the tempo of inventory cutting still did not override the fact that manufacturing firms' new orders in January dropped another one per cent and sales another two.

UNEMPLOYMENT

On the gloomy side of the ledger, unemployment at mid-February was calculated to have reached 5.8 million, four times the normal increase for this time of the year from the mid-January figures. The calculation was based on government figures showing that 6,800,000 workers have been drawing unemployment compensation as of February 15.

Ironically, what should bring pleasure to the consumer, the fact that living costs declined in January, should also rightly be classified as gloomy news, as living costs in the past years have invariably stopped their steady climb whenever the economy was slow.

February sales of new automobiles were also disappointing after what seemed a brief spell to be a good start. Preliminary reports showed February car sales dropped 300,000 units below January. The peak inventory of 1,050,000 new unsold cars was slow by being worked off but more because of severe production cutbacks rather than an increased sales tempo. And car dealers complained their profit margin has plunged to just about one half of one per cent of a car's sales price—in an average \$22 per new unit sold, before tax. Not since the 1953 recession has the car dealer profit been so low.

CAR IMPORTS

Economic analysts noted with interest, some even with satisfaction, the final 1960 figures published this past week for car imports. They merely confirmed a trend that has been building up for the past year and had nothing seriously to do with the recession. Rather, they were a sign of the growing proving position of the United States in international payments.

A total of 408,785 imported cars were sold in the U.S. in 1960, 115,340 units or 10.7 per

GOOD WEEK FOR LONDON STOCKS

New York, Mar. 5.

Bustling two-way trade gave stocks a good week with Friday the star-buying day for the second week running, giving prices their main boost.

February figures showed car sales sharply better and employment figures helped investors' readiness to buy, but dealers judged that Wall Street's pattern proved the bigger influence.

The £18 million dip in the sterling area's gold and dollar reserves, mainly caused by a resurgence of confidence in the dollar, was taken calmly. The fall made no dent in prices, but Britain's overall economic outlook still remains obscure.

Industrial stocks generally improved although not all the blue chips backed in the cheer. Unilever, Courtauld, Rolls Royce and Imperial Chemical moved lower on balance over the week.

The Financial Times industrial index went up 4.8 points over the five sessions, about half the rise being registered on Friday. The index ended at 331.3 against the higher ground, but textiles, foods and building materials staged more modest advances.

Leasing oils moved narrowly to end about level over the week.

Gold mining stocks managed scattered gains mainly towards the end of the week under cape influence, but the market never really attracted interest.

DOLLAR STOCKS

Dollar stocks were mainly in the plus column paced by U.S. Steel 7 points better across the week while Bethlehem gained 3½, and International Nickel jumped 6½ points.

Foreign bonds proved a lack lustre affair but Germans firmed and Greeks improved Friday to end higher on balance on hopes that Greece will meet her pre-war debt commitments.

Gilt-edged met demand at the end of the week wiping out early weakness.

The bonds were helped by the prompt and successful placing of £85 million steel prior charges by the government.

Rubbers met good demand in mid-week but the movement lost steam while quieter tens ended about even. —UPI

Exchange rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per £1) 2.52; Sterling notes (per £1) 15.50; Australian notes (per £1) 12.75; Indonesian Rupiah (per 100) 3.10; Siam Ticals (per 100) 20.21; Singapore (Straits) 1.21.

AGREED MERCHANT RATES, NEW LIST

The following is a new list of Agreed Merchant Rates which came into effect on Saturday:

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France to withdraw from remaining bases in Morocco

Rabat, Mar. 5. France's remaining military bases in Morocco are to be evacuated by October this year, two years ahead of schedule, under an agreement between the two countries announced today.

Moroccan officials said the agreement followed an approach made to President de Gaulle by Morocco's new King Hassan the second after his accession to the throne last week.

Architect held in 'housing scandal'

Paris, Mar. 5. A French architect, Fernand Pouillon, was arrested today following a French press campaign exposing an apparent misuse of funds intended for a housing project under Pouillon's direction.

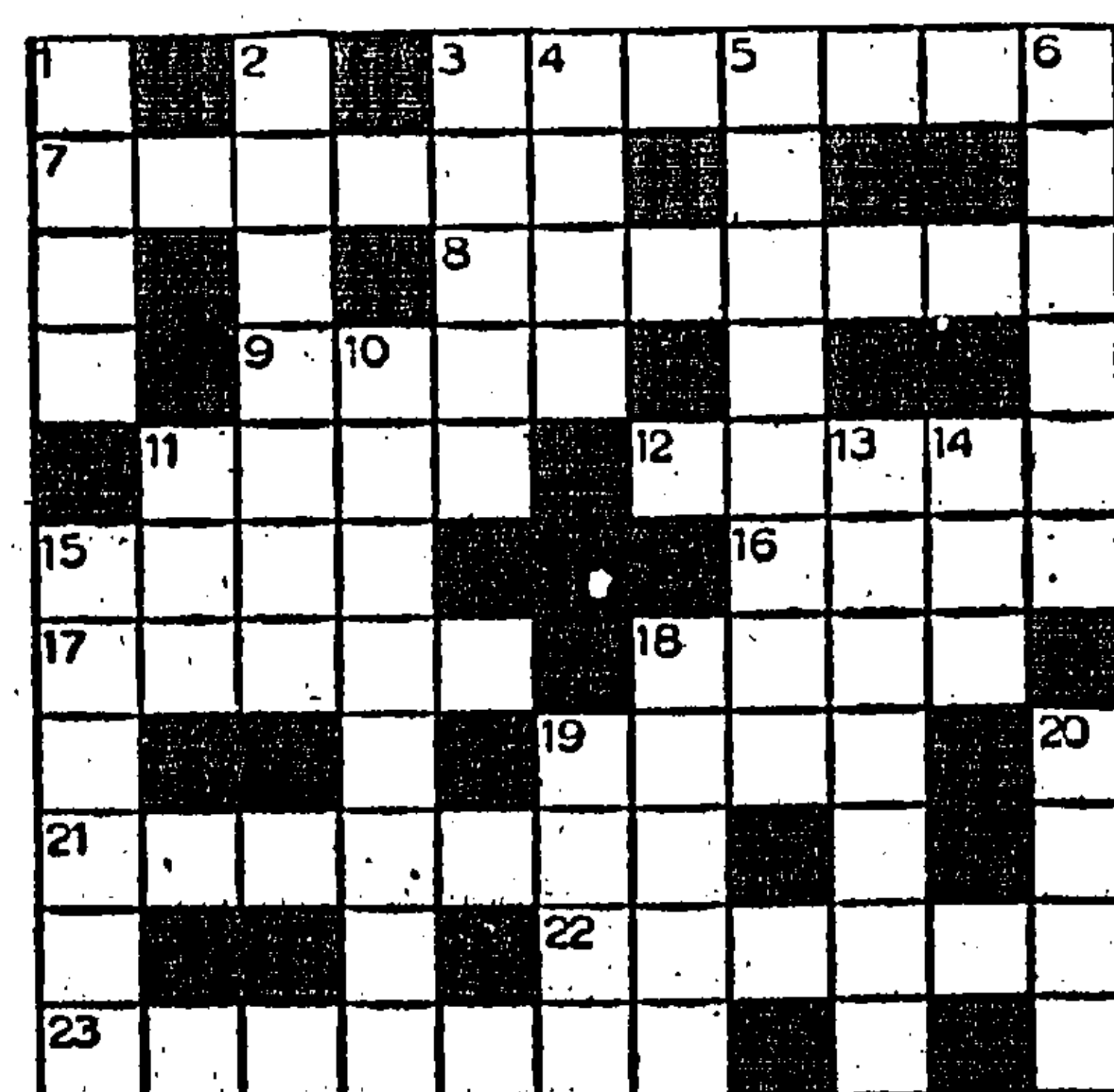
Two administrators of the construction company involved in the project, Jean Larue and Roland Ducher, were also arrested. About three weeks ago, the French press began printing stories about a "housing scandal" in Boulogne-Billancourt. A Paris suburb newspaper reported that about 2,000 apartments, which had been sold by plan, still stood unfinished because the money already invested by prospective owners had apparently been used for other purposes. Since then, the "Comptoir National du Logement", which was building the apartments was found to have a huge deficit in its accounts and further investigation led to the arrests.—AP.

BEAVERBROOK RECOVERS

New York, March 5. British Publisher Lord Beaverbrook, "feeling fine" after a six-week illness, arrived this afternoon on a British Overseas Airways plane from Montego Bay, Jamaica.

The grey-haired, Canadian-born news magnate said he will spend one week in New York "enjoying myself" before returning to London. Asked if he would undergo treatment or hospitalization during his New York stay, he said "no, I'm all over it." He did not disclose the nature of his illness.—UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- | ACROSS | DOWN |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| 3 Denigrate. | 1 Sour. |
| 7 Dog. | 2 Blooms. |
| 8 Mending. | 3 Awaited. |
| 9 At the time. | 4 Spare. |
| 11 Observe. | 5 Perplexed. |
| 12 Explode. | 6 Perils. |
| 15 Sailors. | 10 Pause. |
| 16 Notches. | 11 Man. |
| 17 Name. | 12 Publish again. |
| 18 Cleave. | 13 Coin. |
| 19 Cavern. | 14 Moderate. |
| 21 Bureaucracy. | 15 Increases. |
| 22 Fasten. | 16 In case. |
| 23 Rehearses. | 17 Masticate. |

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 1 Glow-worms, 8 Inner, 10 Tracer, 12 Inn 13 Din, 14 Kent, 15 Hisses, 16 Raids, 18 Accuse, 20 Olga, 22 Ass, 23 Ale, 24 Dante, 25 Peace, 26 Contented. Down: 2 Loin, 3 Worm, 4 Outdid, 5 Mean, 6 Milkmaid, 7 Persuaded, 9 Entrust, 11 Hissed, 10 Hic, 17 Assent, 19 Canto, 21 Lease, 23 Apts.

Prayers answered

Miami, Mar. 5. An 18-hour ordeal ended for a Miami high school football coach today, when a helicopter plucked him from a life raft in the Atlantic.

Haywood Fowle, 36, was forced to ditch his small plane in the ocean yesterday when the engine failed on a flight from Andros Island in the Bahamas to Miami, 65 miles from Miami. He was described in good physical condition when rescued by a Coast Guard helicopter. Fowle, a World War II bomber pilot, said he was "most apprehensive" during his night on the raft. "I didn't know anybody was looking for me," he said. "I sure prayed mighty hard."—UPI.

Claims against big electrical companies

Washington, Mar. 5. The federal government soon will seek damages from the big electrical manufacturers involved in price-fixing and bid-rigging schemes, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy said today.

Kennedy also indicated the government planned a new all-out attack on crime, combining executive and legislative action.

The Attorney General told Chairman Estes Kefauver, Democrat-Tennessee, of the Senate Anti-Trust and Monopoly Sub-committee on a TV programme for Tennessee stations that several government agencies would try in about six weeks to collect damages from the electric equipment makers. One of the agencies will be the Tennessee Valley Authority, he said.

PLEADED GUILTY
Kennedy said the Justice Department was working on a number of similar price-fixing cases "which have an effect on a state or on a particular city or community."

Twenty-nine companies and 44 of their executives pleaded guilty or no contest recently to charges of fixing prices and rigging bids on contracts involving \$8,000 million worth of electrical equipment during the past five years. Seven of the executives received jail sentences.

A number of cities and public utilities have indicated they would file damage suits against the electrical manufacturers on grounds that the price conspiracy caused them to over-pay for equipment.—UPI.

Catholic Mass said in Anglican property

London, Mar. 5. The Rev. Charles Jones, a Roman Catholic priest, celebrated Mass today on premises belonging to the Anglican Church.

The Mass was said at the tiny, grey brick hall on the grounds of St James in the London suburb of Kidbrooke.

A Roman Catholic altar and a consecrated altar stone had already been set up in the hall, changing the building into the temporary church of a still unnamed Roman Catholic parish.

PROJECTED PARISH

Father Jones, Parish priest of Our Lady Hope of Christians and of the projected parish in Kidbrooke, began Mass for 200 persons as an Anglican communion service was drawing to a close only a few yards away in the Church of St. James.

He told his new parishioners that the mass had been made possible through the kindness of the Bishop of Southwark, the Rev. Dr. Arthur Mervyn Stilewood, the Rector of St. James, the Rev. L. A. Ercott, and the congregation of the Anglican parish.

Father Jones said that the permission to use the hall had been asked pending the construction of a Catholic Church in the tiny village.—UPI.

Conrad in Dakar

Dakar, Senegal, Mar. 5. Max Conrad, America's flying grandfather, landed in Dakar tonight on the last lap of his attempt to set a round-the-world record for light planes.

Conrad took off earlier today from Lagos and landed at Dakar at 2218 GMT. He expected to make a one-hour stop for refueling and then take the flight across the Atlantic to Trinidad.—AP.

Most overseas Chinese return here to find wives

San Francisco, Mar. 5. Nine out of ten overseas Chinese in the United States have returned to Hongkong and China to select their brides after they had failed to find here the type of girls they want to marry.

Reasons are multiple. One reason is that there were six young men to one young woman among the Chinese population in New York city in the early '50s, according to unofficial statistics. No recent figures are available, but observers say it remains more or less the same.

Culture is another reason. Those young men who immigrated to the United States find that they and local Chinese girls just don't match as far as cultural standards are concerned. They have different educational backgrounds and philosophies. The majority of local girls are married to local boys, some to Caucasians, and very few, if any, to immigrant Chinese. Some local Chinese, most of them wealthy and well-educated, have Caucasian wives.

TOO AMERICANISED

Asked why he returned to Hongkong to get married, one educated overseas Chinese who declined to be identified, shrugged and replied, "I just couldn't find the right girl here." He said he had dated Ameri-

can and local Chinese girls. "But," he added, "We don't see eye to eye. We differ in philosophy. The local girls are too much Americanised. In my opinion, they are not the type of good housewives I was looking for."

Most Chinatown residents here believe their women are more faithful wives. Many sent their sons to Hongkong and China for their daughters-in-law. It's almost a tradition in San Francisco's Chinatown. Some young men couldn't explain why they wanted to make a trip back to Hongkong which would cost them a sizeable sum of money for, among other expenses, air passage for two on the return trip.

Some said it's a matter of fidelity to their parents. They said they just want to please their elderly parents who prefer to have pure Chinese daughters-in-law, born and raised in their fatherland. They believe an old saying, "marriages without parents' approval won't last long."—UPI.



Picture shows the youngest woman Member of Parliament in the United Arab Republic, Miss Wilda Ashary, aged 22. She is seen here making a speech at the UAR assembly in Cairo.—Express Photo.

Labour harrying tactics may force election

London, Mar. 5. Politicians here are speculating that Mr Macmillan, the Prime Minister, may spring an autumn general election if the Labour opposition in Parliament continues its present harrying tactics against the Conservative Government.

Fillbustering by the Socialists on health service charges and other issues has already slowed the progress of Government legislation.

If the opposition intensified its obstructive tactics to the point where a paralysis of parliamentary business was threatened, Mr Macmillan might seek a remedy by appealing to the country, on the argument that Socialist harrying amounted to a frustration of democratic processes. Many Conservatives believe Socialists at present deeply divided over leadership and defence issues—would have scant prospect of winning a general election this year, and that such a contest might return their party to Parliament with its current House of Commons 100-seat majority intact or possibly even increased.

Brake

One section of political opinion believes that the mere threat of a sudden general election might put the brake on the opposition's harrying campaign.

Mr Macmillan's administration, elected in the autumn of 1959, constitutionally has a five-year term of power.

In the ordinary way, the Prime Minister would be unlikely to consider an election until his Government had had around four years in office.—Reuter.

CUGAT HITS MAN ON NOSE

Buenos Aires, Mar. 5. Band leader Xavier Cugat punched a hotel owner on the nose today during an argument over money. The Cugat entourage, including his wife, Abbe Lane, had performed at the hotel owner Pablo Williams had cut the agreed fee for a performance by \$8,000.

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Guilder revaluation

The Hague, Mar. 6. Professor Jelle Zijlstra, Dutch Finance Minister, said early this morning that his government had decided to revalue the Dutch guilder in accordance with the revaluation of the German mark.—Reuter.

Queen tours ruins of ancient capital of Iran

Tehran, Mar. 5. The Queen went on a guided tour today of the ruins of Persepolis, ancient capital of most of Asia.

She studied famous friezes and winged bulls and columns still standing 60 feet high above the plain of Marvdasht. With the Shah of Iran, she also saw old cuneiform inscriptions testifying to the power of earlier monarchies. "I am Xerxes," one said, "the great king, the king of kings, the king of the countries containing many kinds of people, the king of this great earth far and wide."

This was the third full day of the Queen's and the Duke of Edinburgh's visit in Iran, and it took her deep into the

past of the proud Iranian people. It began in Shiraz, two miles south of Tehran, where the Queen and Duke, the Shah and Empress Farah spent the night as guests of the provincial governor general. The Royal party then drove the 40 miles to Persepolis, the capital built largely by Darius the Great in the sixth century.

101 STEPS

The Queen climbed the 101 steps to the huge platform on which the ancient capital was built on the slope of the Mount of Mercy, and spent the next 90 minutes sight-seeing.

Photographers found they were unable to take some of the potentially best pictures. By edict of the Queen's press secretary, they were cut off before the Queen reached the striking friezes.

Large numbers of Iranians again lined the highway leading to the site, and again police kept them from getting to see much of the Queen.

Security forces have done a great deal of pushing and handled some of the more enthusiastic spectators in Tehran and Isfahan roughly but there have been no authenticated reports of "brutality" as alleged by some correspondents.

Later the party took off from Shiraz airport in the Queen's Britannia for Tehran. They arrived in the new Iranian capital and prepared for a state dinner given by Iranian Premier Sharif Emami at the Foreign Ministry.

Tomorrow the Queen and Prince Philip take off from Tehran for London, ending their six and half week, 20,000-mile tour of the Indian sub-continent and Iran. They are scheduled to stop briefly in Ankara to meet Turkish General Gursel.—AP.

BRITAIN'S MISSED OPPORTUNITY

Cambridge, March 3. Britain should have founded a service for work in Africa and Asia like President Kennedy's recently-announced "Peace Corps" many years ago, Mr. Jo Grimond, Leader of the Liberal Party, said here tonight.

"What an opportunity we have missed," he said. "We had the greatest colonial service in the world, which could have been turned over to this work, but we are allowing it to dribble away."—China Mail Special.

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Old lag Butch must stay in dogs Borstal

London, Mar. 5.
Butch, the biting 90 lb.
boxer who hated all other
dogs, must stay in his
"borstal" for another
seven months, it was de-
cided the other day.

But his owner, Mrs. Constance
Gamble, 41-year-old widow, is
to be taught how to handle her
difficult pet.

For five hours Butch was in
his customary cell at Hampton,
Middlesex, while his character
was assessed by lawyers and
animal experts at Kingston-on-
Thames county court.

There, one of the very few
people in the world with a good
word to say for Butch sued the
National Canine Defence League
for £100 damages and the im-
mediate return of Butch.

Mrs. Gamble, of King's-walk,
Shoreham, Sussex, said she
loved her Butch very much.
And she just did not see why
after 15 months at the league's
Hampton borstal she should not
have him back.

True, agreed Mrs. Gamble,
Butch had been far from well-
behaved. He had a nasty habit



BUTCH

of fighting other dogs. Which
had led to three court appear-
ances and the possibility of a
death sentence.

But the league had accepted
Butch for a course of psy-
chiatric treatment to try to
straighten him out.

He went to Hampton in
November 1959. And there he
had been ever since, except for
one week.

Now, said Mrs. Gamble, she
wanted Butch to come home.
He was friendly, good with peo-
ple and children.

SNARLING

But the league took a differ-
ent view. Said Mr. Robert Hors-
fall, league superintendent and
borstal psychiatrist:

"This dog snarls and leaps
forward to attack any strange
dog he sees. He is a very strong
dog who carries you with him
when he leaps forward on the lead."

After an adjournment, Judge
Field heard an agreed settle-
ment between Mr. Bernard
Workman, the league chairman,
and Mrs. Gamble.

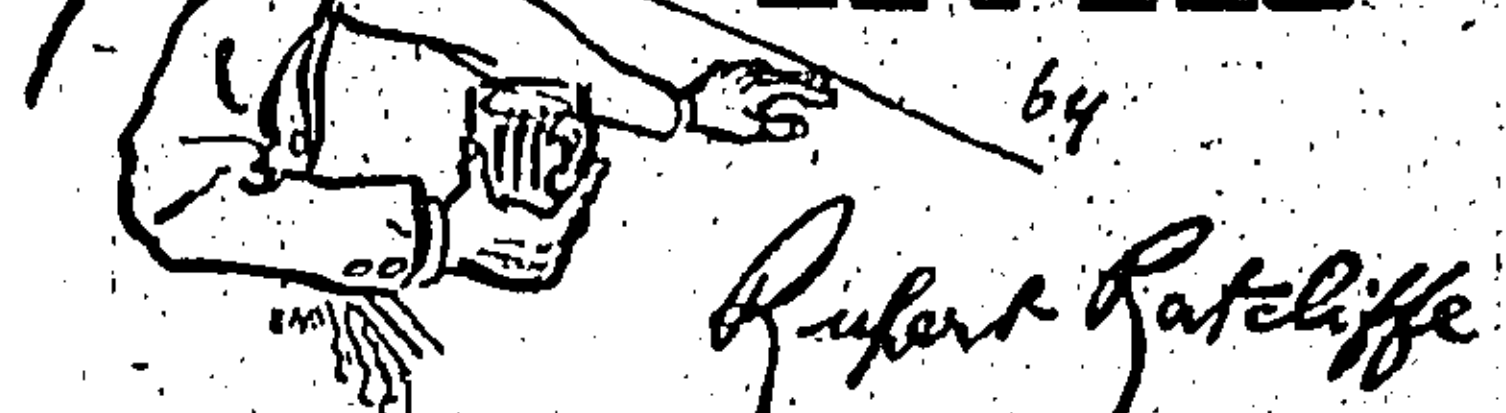
Under it, Butch was to have
another seven months' borstal
training.

Before travelling back to
Shoreham Mrs. Gamble visited
the borstal to see the toughest
old lag in the place.

"Oh, you lovely boy," said
Mrs. Gamble. "You are worth
all the trouble in the world."

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THE LOWER LEVELS



Hongkong story (1)

WOT? NO RUDDY SCRIPT?

There's been a lot of moaning about the way moviemakers
have distorted the Hongkong scene in order to make
box-office flicks. John Luff was particularly mourn-
ful about the lack of a good script which would be
authentic and a house-packer as well.

I think I'll write a script and
see what happens. Here goes:
There's a beautiful girl named
Suzie Wong whose father owns
a tailor shop. Suzie is an ap-
prentice buttonhole stitcher in
her uncle's tailor shop. Her
main job, each day, was to take
the hand-stitched buttonholes
from her uncle's tailor shop to
her father's tailor shop.

This tailor shop was located
on a beautiful, scenic, fascinating
Nathan-road (mecca of tourists).
One cold winter's day when the
banyan trees were bowed north
the weight of falling snow,
Suzie slipped and dropped her
bundle. (Her bundle of hand-
stitched buttonholes, idios.)

A kindly stranger helped her
to her blistered feet, and as
Suzie looked into his face, she
fell again. This time it wasn't
into the snowdrifts, but in love.
Cripes, he was handsome.

FELL AGAIN

Naturally he was an Ameri-
can (white, of course), and he
gave her his card as a sign of
good faith. Suzie fell again—
this time in a dead faint. The
card read: "Handsome Harry,
Custom Tailor, Texas."

A passing St. Bernard Dog
was stopped for brandy to
revive Suzie. As she flickered
back into consciousness she
cried: "Harry and I improved."
"Get out of here fast. There's
no chance for you in Hong-
kong. The Tailor's Guild will
get you. Meet me on Sampan
Nine at the witching hour.
Fare thee well!"

Harry trudged through the
snow and slush, spurning all
offers of shelter and hospitality
from the opium dens and drive-
in heroin dives on the way.

Then as he turned a corner, a
blaze of glowing lights almost
blinded him. Staggering on,
he bumped into a tall, good-
looking Englishman of military
bearing who had a strange
oriental device in his hands—
a frame with dozens of beads
on it.

"Curse it," cried the English-
man. "Now you've made me
lose count." And he shook his
abacus in Handsome Harry's
face.

"Made you lose count of
what?" asked Harry.

"The lights, confound you!
There's supposed to be a mil-
lion of them glowing and I
have to count them every
night."

"What a strange profession,"
mused Harry who had already
heard of the eccentricities of the
English.

"There's nothing strange
about it at all," the Englishman
said crossly. "We use them to
attract tourists like moths to
a candle."

"Then I suppose they must
attract moths, too," queried
Harry with some logic.

"Not at all," snapped the
Englishman. "There's nothing

for them to graze on since
mothproof textiles were invent-
ed—and there's an ordinance
forbidding anybody to keep
moths as pets."

ORDINANCE

"What's an ordinance," asked
Harry innocently.

"It's a decree, statute, enact-
ment, directive, law or rule," the
Englishman replied quickly.

"I always thought laws were
automobiles," Harry muttered
half to himself as he was now
convinced the Englishman must
be barmy. Then speaking up,
he asked: "You seem to know
this place pretty well, could you
direct me to Sampan Nine?"

"Oh yes," the Englishman
smiled agreeably. "It's our
latest floating billiard saloon.
You'll find it bobbing gracefully
in the crystal-clear waters at
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So Harry set off to keep his
tryst with Suzie.

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DECIMAL COINAGE? 'WE ARE DECIDING'

Britain may go over to a system of decimal coinage
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—within three years.

A strong hint that the
Government is preparing for
the possibility of this change
came in the Lords recently
from Lord Dundee, Minister
Without Portfolio.

He said the problem was now
being studied closely and a
statement would be made, this
autumn.

He added that organised
bodies (including the British
Chambers of Commerce) are
strongly in favour of the
change. The Treasury would
like to hear from people with
strong views against before
it was "too late."

The Government statement
is expected after the Common-
wealth Finance Ministers meet
in London next September.

If there were to be a change,
the Government would want
to be dovetailed with plans for
bringing in decimal coinage by
Australia and New Zealand—
the only two major Common-
wealth countries who have not
yet adopted the system.

Most Ministers are believed
to back the switch, and 114
MPs have signed a motion

demanding that it should be
made quickly. — London Ex-
press Service.

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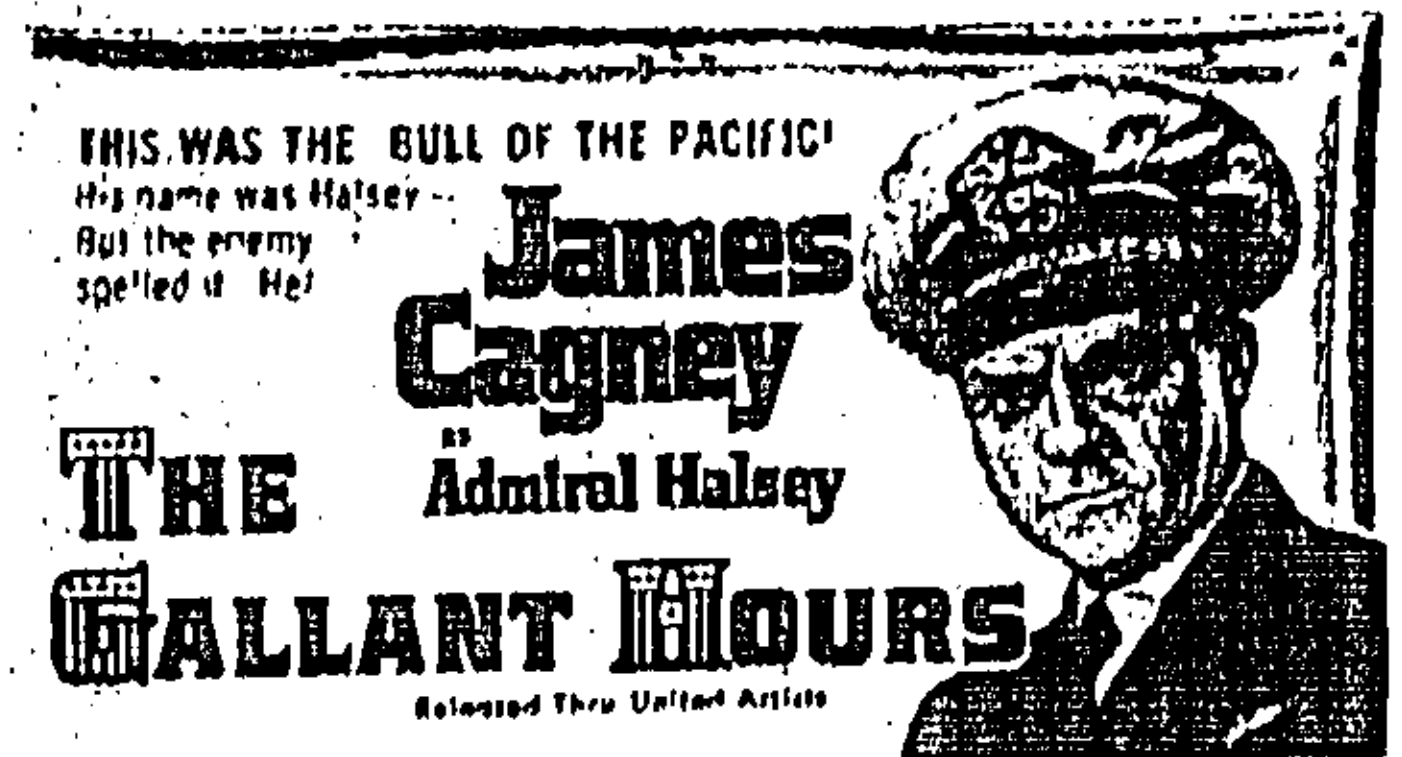
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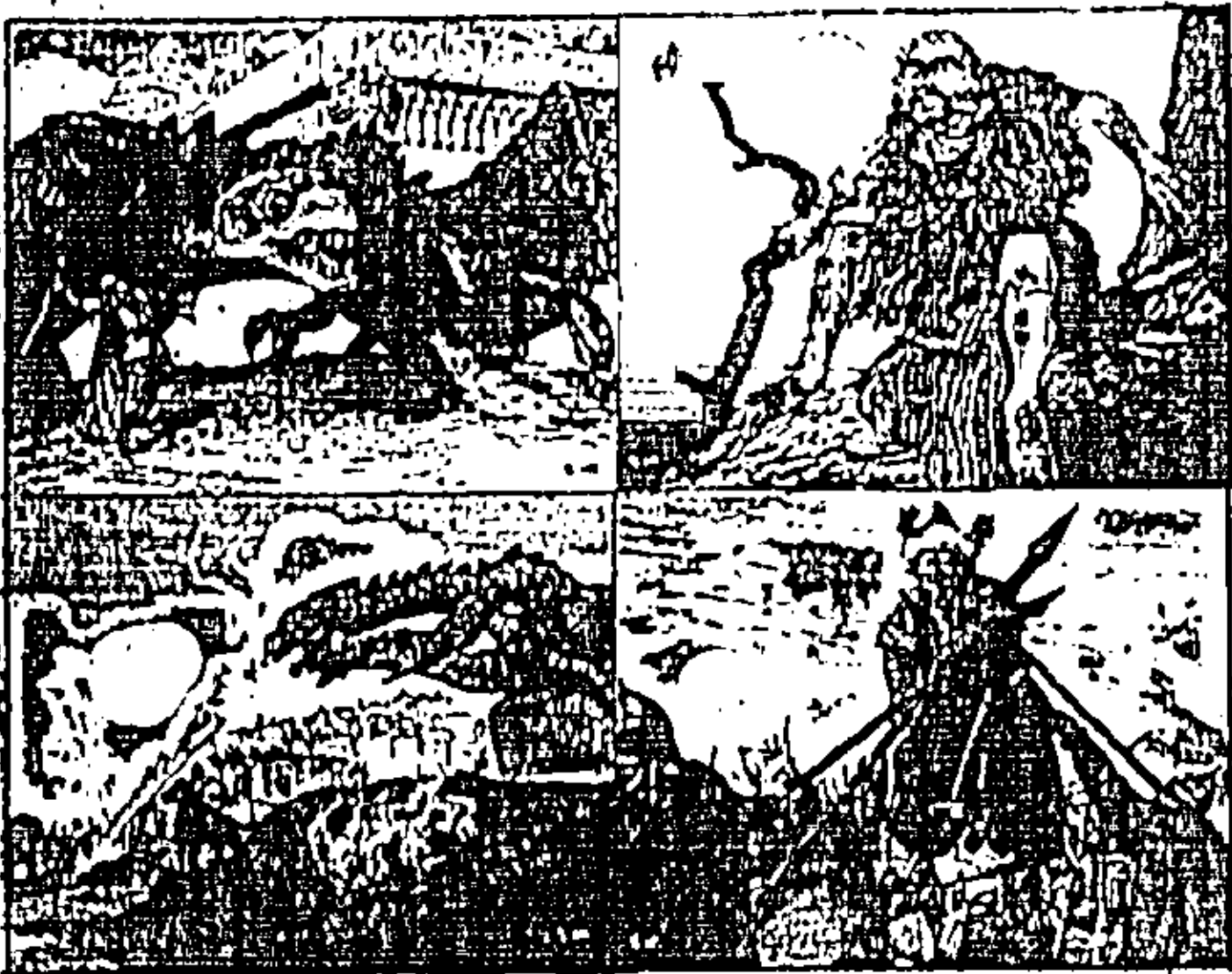
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AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.
The Mightiest Film Ever Come From U.S.S.R.

"THE SWORD AND THE DRAGON"

In Brilliant Colour, Wide Screen & English Dialogue



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It's shocking!

The glamor girl
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To-morrow Morning Show
"THE BATTLE OF THE RIVER PLATE"

Spring weather in Britain

London, Mar. 5.

Television sets took a long-carned rest in Britain today as their owners, drawn by the country's current "spring preview" weather, rushed to the coast.

Bathers crowded sunny beaches along the south coast while motorists crowded at inland beauty spots to gather wild daffodils blooming unusually early.

By mid-morning over 2,000 cars an hour were pouring out of London along the main road to Southend, seaside resort at the mouth of the River Thames.

Another 1,700 cars an hour were running down to Brighton and 1,200 an hour to Portsmouth in the South.

Temperatures rose steadily in London reaching by midday 62 degrees Fahrenheit.—China Mail Special.

Quarrel over salary ends in court

Two brothers who were involved in a fight over salary appeared before Mr. J. E. Dargan at North Kowloon Court this morning.

The defendant Lei Kai, 36, was fined \$50 or two weeks. Insp. D. M. Dorman said that the complainant, Lei Sum, was the defendant's younger brother. He employed his brother to do some gardening from Jan. 9 to March 4 at a salary of \$200.

When the payment was made defendant claimed more money. This led to an argument and finally a fight during which the defendant struck Lei Sum with a rifle cutting his head.

Mr. Dargan asked Lei this morning if he wanted his brother to be sent to jail. He said, No.

Cheque theft: youth put under probation

A youth who intercepted a letter from America containing a US\$250 cheque and then disappeared to Macao after trying to cash it, was placed under probation for two years by Mr. Dorek Cons at Central Court this morning.

The youth, Li Wo-shun, 17, an employee of Victoria Tailor Company, had pleaded guilty at a previous hearing to embezzling the sum and stealing HK\$18 from the company.

Life-long dream

A Londoner who has spent most of his life in Africa, landed to fulfil a life-long dream.

"I have heard so much about Hongkong and I have been dreaming to visit this place," Mr. Harold Greenbridge told reporters upon his arrival at Kai Tak by Air India.

Mr. Greenbridge said his interest in Hongkong was not so much in shopping. He said, "I just want to see the place and its people."

Tribunal decision

Mr. V. Rhodes Tenancy Tribunal President this morning announced recommendation of proposed replacement of 21-23, Fuk Wing-street in Sum-shui-pu, by a new nine-storey structure costing \$300,000. The sum of \$25,000 compensation to two tenants including the Kin Hing Knitting Factory was embodied in the Tribunal's decision to recommend exemption.

RAFFLE WINNER MAY HAVE TO PAY \$1,450

An advertisement in the Morning Post today announced that the holder of ticket no. 46399 in the St John Ball Raffle had won the first prize of a MG Maggnotte Saloon Car.

But the lucky first prize winner may be a little disappointed to learn that before putting it on the road he may have to pay \$1,450 in addition to licence fees. This is the 10 per cent duty which Mr. A. G. Clarke, the Financial Secretary, decided to add to the first registration of all new cars in his Budget last week.

The cost of a MG car before the tax was \$14,500. This means the new registration tax would be \$1,450.

On the other hand, if the lucky ticket holder decided to sell the car, the price of the new car today which includes the registration tax is \$15,075.

This may apply to all raffles in future in which a car is offered as first prize.

Feeling among raffle sponsors is that they should pay only the basic price of the car and that any extra expenses in putting the car on the road should be borne by the prize winner.

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Australian barristers

Why are barristers and solicitors qualified in Australia or New Zealand precluded from practising in Hongkong, whilst doctors, pharmacists, dentists, engineers, architects, accountants and members of every other profession qualified in Australia or New Zealand can practise in the Colony.

If Australian and New Zealand qualified barristers and solicitors are good enough to be appointed Supreme Court and District Court Judges, Magistrates and Crown Counsel in the Colony, it must be illogical that they cannot practise here.

The only possible explanation is the fear that it would open the door to Australians and New Zealanders to practise law in Hongkong. But so far there has not been any influx of Australians or New Zealanders into the Colony to practise medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, engineering, architecture, accountancy or any other profession.

The present nonsensical position is the result of a decision only to the Hongkong community depriving themselves of the convenience and economy of being able to send all their children to one place for professional training in Australia or New Zealand which is so much closer to Hongkong and where the climate is so much more suitable than in England.

COMMONSENSE.

Paternity proof

INTRODUCTION OF BLOOD TEST BILL

Text to a bill to empower courts in England to order blood tests from the parties in affiliation (proof of paternity) cases was published here.

Blood testing in cases of disputed paternity is required by law in many European countries and in the United States, and tests are being employed more and more in England—but only when the parties agree and are prepared to meet the cost.

The bill being introduced in the House of Lords by Lord Amulree provides for an order to be made either on the initiative of the court or on the demand of the mother or the accused man. The cost could be met from public funds.

The regular transmission of blood group characteristics from parent to child has led to the formulation of scientific "laws" of blood group inheritance.

The bill's provisions do not apply to Scotland or Northern Ireland. The test could prove only that a man could be the father of a child.—China Mail Special.

'I FEEL WONDERFUL' DECLARES MM ON LEAVING HOSPITAL

New York, Mar. 5.
Marilyn Monroe, smiling as radiantly as an Oscar winner, ended nearly four weeks of psychiatric care today with a new champagne-coloured hairdo and a declaration that "I feel wonderful."

Miss Monroe, true to her habit of tardiness, left the hospital an hour and a half after the 2 pm departure time that had been announced by her publicity agent to press, ran to a waiting limousine through a mob of reporters and curiously peckers and said, "I had a nice rest."

'Worn out'

The actress had been described as "emotionally exhausted" when she entered Payne Whitney Clinic of New York Hospital on Feb. 7, only a few days after obtaining a divorce from her third husband playwright Arthur Miller. She was said to have been "worn out" from that ordeal. The making of three movies in a year and the shock of the death of Clark Gable, her co-star in "The Misfits."

After three days in Payne Whitney, she checked out and moved to the Neurological Institute at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, where she remained until today.

A hospital spokesman said Miss Monroe had been resting in the sixth floor security ward of the institute, which is closed to all but doctors, nurses and authorized visitors.—UPI.

Caroline keeps Daddy waiting

Washington, Mar. 5.
Three-year-old Caroline Kennedy kept her father waiting impatiently today while she chatted with a reporter.

It happened when the President stopped to pick up the lively little girl at the home of a friend where she stayed while he attended mass at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

'ROBBED' BY A KANGAROO

Tegelen, Holland, Mar. 5.
Dutch emigrant Mathieu Lem-paer's first meeting with a kangaroo in his adopted country of Australia cost him \$40.

In a letter home he said he knocked down a kangaroo with his car. For a souvenir he dressed the unconscious animal in his jacket, then turned away to find his camera. The kangaroo came to — and bounded away, still wearing his jacket with his wallet in the pocket.—Reuter.

NO SIGNALS FROM VENUS ROCKET

Jodrell Bank, Mar. 5.
British scientists tried in vain for five hours on Sunday to pick up signals from the Soviet rocket which presumably is still on its course travelling in the direction of the planet Venus.

The big radio telescope at the observatory here detected nothing from the point in the heavens where the Russians said the rocket ought to be.

Prof. Bernard Lovell, Observatory Director, believes the rocket's signalling mechanism has failed.—AP.

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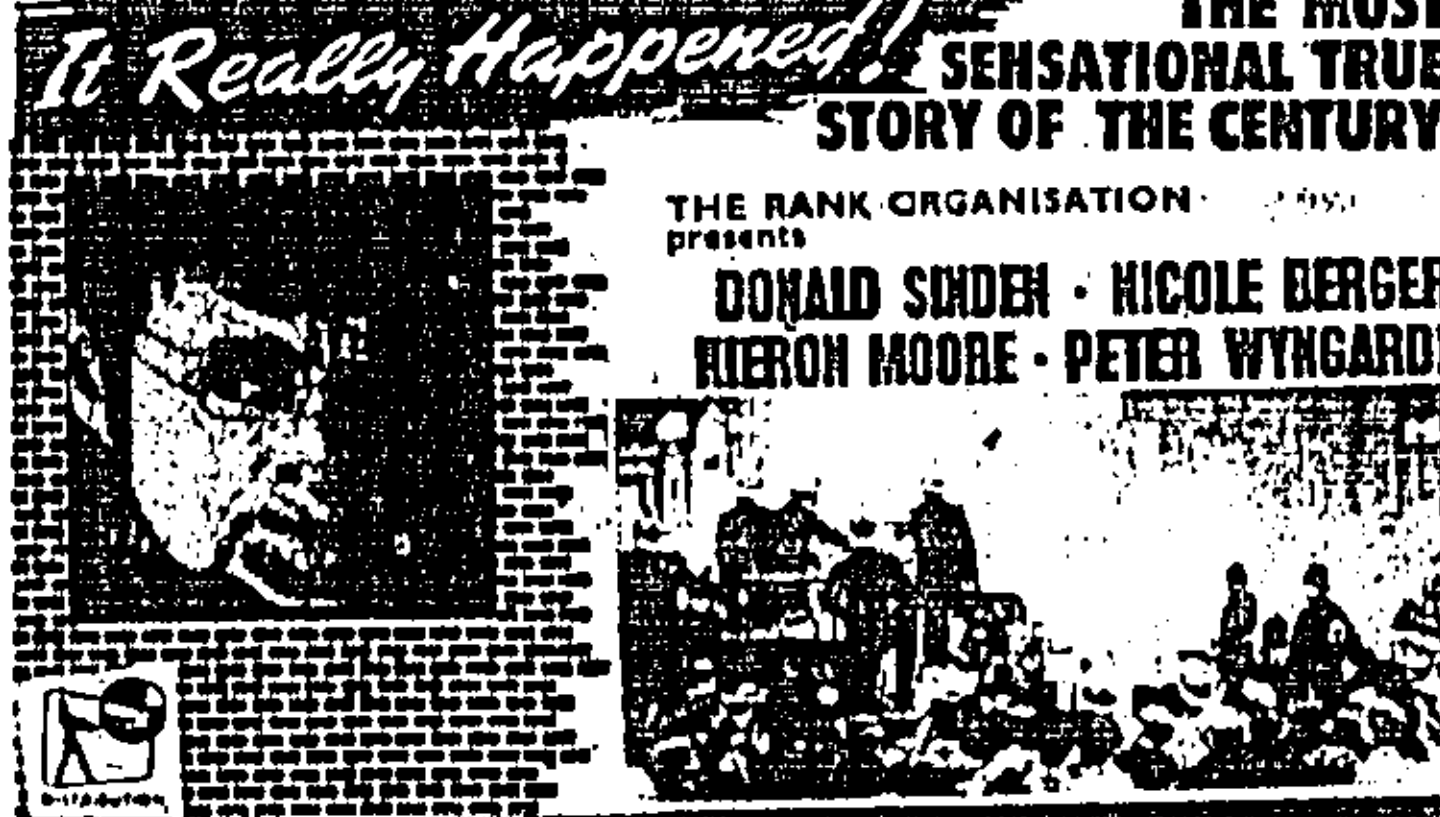


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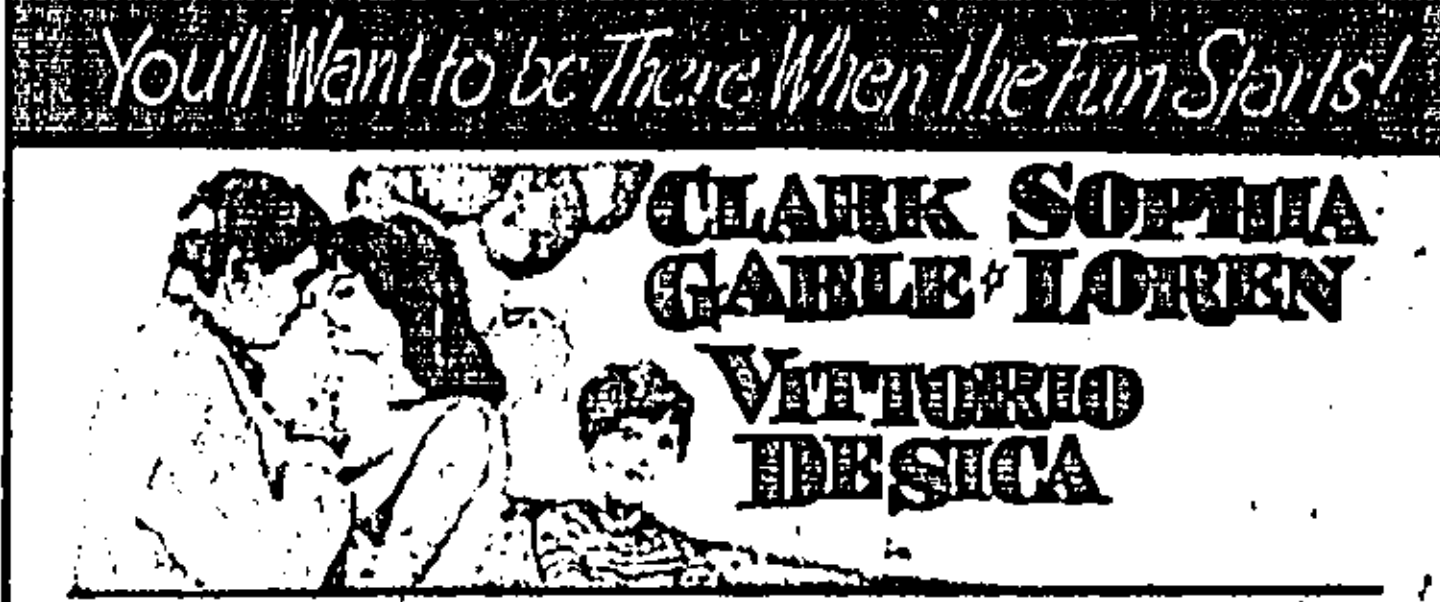
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THIS FATHER COMPELS ME TO ASK THIS QUESTION...

How often do you put an outsider first before yourself and family?

I PICKED up a book which opened a door in my memory. I thought of a time—just after the war. A young man stood upon the threshold of my London home. He was shy and diffident, delicate-looking with very thin wrists.

I noticed his wrists particularly, because the young man was a bomber pilot, one of the most famous of the conflict had thrown up, one of the very few to win the highest accolade for courage.

Group Captain Cheshire, V.C., having refused a permanent commission in the R.A.F., was back in Clivity Street, and he had come to ask my advice.

The bomb

He wanted to be a writer. Because of his name as a winged hero he had been given a platform in a Sunday paper. How should he fill the space allotted to him each week?

I said, "What matters most is the power of communication. What do you want to communicate?" Your war experiences?"

He sat forward in his chair, his wrists hanging out of the jacket of his neat blue anonymous suit, and answered like this...

"The very last thing in the war that happened to me was that I was sent as an official observer on the final obliteration bombing mission at Nagasaki."

"The Face of Victory," by Leonard Cheshire, published by Hutchinson's 16s.

by

GODFREY WINN

"It was three days after Hiroshima happened. We were 39,000ft. up, and 50 miles from the target when the bomb dropped. We had been warned to wear dark glasses, but even so, it was like a million naked electric light bulbs being pressed down against our eyeballs."

Whereupon the stranger who had rung my bell thanked me politely and went on his way. Since that day nearly 15 years ago, I have watched his progress from afar.

Now that I have read Leonard Cheshire's new book, I feel ashamed that having participated in the beginning of the metamorphosis, I was too preoccupied with my own efforts at self-realisation to take a more active share in his.

Revolt

And then he stopped, because he still did not know exactly what he wanted. He only knew that he was sick of death and destruction, he was in revolt against all the negative forces let loose in the world.

I urged him to say all that he felt in his column. "Be completely honest, not only with the public but with yourself. It is the only true way. It does not matter about your literary style. You will be read."

Despair

For, make no mistake, the face of victory has not been a smiling face for him. Many times he has found himself utterly alone, many times close to despair.

We are, of course, all pilgrims, seeking the same way home, but for him, the post-war part of that pilgrimage started in a night club called The Vanity Fair.

Simple?

The question he was asked there one night by a girl startled him. It was so out of place, so untrue to type. "How much do you know about GOD?"

To which the ex-pilot replied—"to put an end to a futile conversation," he explains—"God is an inward conscience, personal to us all that tells us what we ought to do, and what we ought not; one thing to some of us, another to others. It's just as simple as that..."

As simple as that? Was it really? He began to think, and his thoughts turned to action. Yes, to action. That is why this book—and the Odyssey it records—is so different from most confessions on paper.

For it does not preach. Nor does it pontificate. Instead, it shows, in simple language, how one man came to save his soul by fighting a new kind of war, in peacetime.

A war against the indifference too many of us feel towards the plight of the unwanted and the unloved; the very old and the very helpless, above all, the doomed ones, soon to die.

Not a very cheerful crusade, your reaction may be. What there is something rather morbid, rather odd about such a complete abandonment of all the pleasures of the springtime of one's own life?

You will not feel like that when you have finished reading this testament. What struck me so much about it was that it excuses nothing; the muddles at first, the near-disasters in starting communities, trying to live by the principle where everything is shared.

These failures, inevitably, showed up all the faults of mankind. Enough to make a saint despair. But this pilgrim never gave up.

For instance, at Le Court, the huge estate that he and his band of volunteers took over as a retreat for the aged and the chronically sick, Cheshire did not sit on his hands, waiting for orders, writing letters, asking for subscriptions and help. No, he scrubbed the floors himself and served interminable hours as an unpaid nursing orderly.

There was, for example, the arrival of Granny. The ambulance driver confided: "She's practically stone deaf, except when she wants something special, she can't do a thing for herself... and she's very particular about her food. But once you get the hang of it, it won't be too bad."

The disciple did his best... and on the fifteenth day there was a sudden, unexpected development. At lunchtime, as he handed her a bowl of milk pudding, Granny flung her arms round him and kissed him. "I love you," she croaked. Whereupon he shouted back at the top of his lungs "I love you."

Rather a different sort of love from the kind that screams at us from the cinema soundings. An utterly selfless, sincere love of all mankind.

And today his reward is manifest. For there are Ryder Cheshire Missions and Homes for the Relief of Suffering, in many parts of the world, supported by the practical assistance of other men and women who have felt too, as the author quotes at the end, "that no man is an island entire of itself."

Heritage

Leonard Cheshire, now happily married to Sue Ryder, a woman whose life has been equally dedicated to salvage work, recently saw their son Jeremy celebrate his first birthday.

What a heritage this boy should have growing up with parents who put the rest of mankind and its needs before their own.

Occasionally? Do that? Even unimportant questions mark to consider as a new era with its personal equations and its challenges opens before us. —(London Express Services).

NOW WHAT IS
PETER CHAMBERS
UP TO TODAY?

Swordstick on approval!

IT BEGINS with that James Bond feeling in Pall Mall, moves on to overtime in Turnham Green, swashbuckling in Soho and legal niceties in Chelsea. In fact it's a decidedly different China Mail column.

TAP, tap, tap goes my walking-stick as I return home at a late hour. What a friendly sound!

I imagine my neighbours murmuring behind drawn curtains: "That person Chambers—he must have hurt his poor leg. He's using a walking-stick."

Neighbours, you have been grossly deceived. It is swordstick. I could cut you all into chump chops. One tug at the handle and out of that simple-seeming Malacca cane I unsheathe 20 inches of cold steel.

What a beautiful blade! Needle-sharp, finely tempered, and etched down the blood-gut with the sort of arabesque patterns you find on Adam fireplaces.

It costs £12 10s. and I have it "on approval" from Wilkinson Sword Ltd. of Pall Mall, sword-cutlers to the Queen.

In a Devon court recently a policeman giving evidence said the accused "seized what appeared to be a walking-stick and drew a sword from it. I managed to dodge two thrusts."

I thrust my way into the sword shop. "Why don't you go and see our factory?" said Mr Charles Green, manager, after I had introduced myself, feeling like James Bond and tested a few admirals' cutlasses.

Ceremonial

In my James Bond-type shirt (size 16 collar, pale blue Oxford), matching socks (size 10), I journeyed to Turnham Green, a West London suburb, and learned some surprising facts about swords.

"Call it the H-bomb age if you like," said Jimmy Clayton, supervisor of swords. "But we are making so many swords nowadays some of the lads are working up to 7 am on overtime."

Wilkinson's are the only sword-makers left in England, and they turn out about 6,000 swords a year. They make for all the Armed Forces of Britain, the U.S. Marines, the Sudan police, Nigeria, Ghana, Burma.

Cyrenaica, and assorted ambassadors to the Court of St James's.

"Two hundred years ago, about the time this firm was founded, everybody who was anybody wore a sword," said Jimmy Clayton. "Now, of course, swords are mainly ceremonial—but we still make the real, killing article."

Mr Clayton, a small, dark North Londoner of peaceable appearance, has spent all his life in swords. He started as an apprentice at 16, filling down the gilt fittings for scabbards.

In his spare time he combed the museums of London and found out all there was to know about swords.

Whale oil

"It's a study in itself. I have no other hobby," he said. "You've got everything from the Crusader swords of the twelfth century to the British Army short bayonet. Not to mention scimitars, and all that."

We went down to the forge shop. Swords start here as foot-long billets of steel, which are washed, hardened and tempered into true English blades by serious men from Ealing and Acton Town.

Foreman Sidney House plunged a sword-blade into a trough of molten lead. "This is the tempering," he said. "We do this after we have hardened the blade by heating it and sticking it in a tub of whale oil."

Expensive

Behind him, under a photograph of Queen Victoria, a swordmaker drank rich, brown tea out of an enamel cup.

None of your individually powered machine tools here. Belts flail over fly-wheels, driving drop hammers and



Peter Chambers

presses. It's rare old-Victorian bedlam.

"This shop hasn't changed all the 46 years I've been here," said Mr Rouse, casting an eye along the hot blade and then straightening it between fixed metal pegs.

"Don't think I own a sword, I don't. It's just ironmongery to me. Most of them are pressed by machine, but the special swords, which have to be hand-forged, I like to do myself."

Navy and Air Force officers carry their swords in black-and-silk scabbards. The cavalry wear the longest swords (32 inches), and that's why they tend to trip over them when they get off their horses.

Officers cool their swords to save the heavy expense of buying one each.

'Blood-gut'

Even in the R.A.S.C. an officer must carry a sword on ceremonial occasions, though he may have no better use for it than slashing open the cartons of stewed steak and baked beans.

"I like it here," said Welshwoman Gertrude Selkirk, the only woman in the only sword factory in the British Isles. "I used to be a checker in an electrical equipment factory. Now I know most of the regiments in the country, and their crests."

Mrs Selkirk bound gold wire on to the fish-skin grip of a Navy sword. I didn't know it but all swords have fish-skin

grips (a Japanese export) so that the hand doesn't slip.

Sparks flew. A man in tennis shoes sat crouched like a jockey and around the edge of "survival knives" at a huge grindstone, as tall as himself and 20 times as heavy.

Survival knives are the machetes (sugar-cane knives) of the Second World War. And they are still manufactured for the Forces to cut, kill, or open cans with.

Running his finger down the groove of an Army sword Mr Clayton said: "We call this the 'blood-gut' in the trade. Outside they call it the 'blood-gut'."

So peaceable it was in the sword-factory, looking out over a football ground with children's swings and a slide.

I walked out with my swordstick and got on the tube, thinking, "If only they knew."

Wilkinson's sell 100 swordsticks a year. Who buys them?

The late Commander "Buster" Crabbe, the frogman, carried a swordstick. The only other man I know who carries one is author Richard Pape ("Boldness Be My Friend").

Offensive

Discussing whether I was or was not to be his co-driver on a 10,000-mile car journey from Cape North to the Cape of Good Hope, Pape and I were walking down an obscure alley in Soho, when he suddenly whipped the blade out of his walking stick and declared: "I've got to be careful in these dark places. Russian agents are after me."

I didn't believe Pape. But I believed the duty sergeant at Chelsea police station when I walked in, flourishing my swordstick and said: "Am I, within the meaning of the Act, carrying an offensive weapon?"

The sergeant replied: "No, sir. The Act does not define the exact nature of an offensive weapon. But if I caught you with it in Brompton-road at three o'clock in the morning I'd require you to do some explaining at the station."

Fantastic self-confidence I have, carrying this swordstick. Send me to any storm-centre or trouble spot—Elizabethtown, Salisbury, or Havana, Cuba—and I shall brave the multitude with confidence.

Don't call me coward. I am even prepared to walk around Notting Hill. —(London Express Services).

THAT MONDAY MORNING FEELING...

Do you suffer from negative-ion starvation?

I'M a sucker for science. Nylons, yes. Sputniks, yes. Infra-red grills and colour TV and hovercraft and atom power stations and non-drip paint and rows about how the universe began, yes.

But it's now time to call a halt; now, this very Monday morning.

They've started to undermine our Monday morning feeling. They, this time, are the experts of the Heating and Ventilation Research Association at Bracknell, Berkshire. Respectable, serious, down-to-earth men, you'd think, used to dealing with plumbers and getting rid of draughts; the last people you'd suspect of such a trick.

But their head physicist, Mr Eric Stanley, suspects that we get that Monday morning feeling because we suffer from negative-ion starvation (don, not iron) and hopes he can put it right.

SLOW DOWN

Ions are bits of atoms carrying tiny electrical charges, positive or negative. They come wafting out of ventilation systems, it seems.

There have been experiments suggesting that too many positive ions leave you feeling slow, dull—in fact, like a wet Monday morning—and that negative ions produce a feeling of exhilaration.

The snag is that the negative ones get stuck on the wall, losing their negative charge, and leaving the baleful positive ones circling around the room waiting to strike. An office building empty over the weekend will have accentuated the positive and eliminated the negative.

Mr Stanley is planning experiments in which people close

with negative or positive ions will be asked how they feel. Leave it to Mr Stanley. Slow down. This is where I get off. First of all, I don't believe the theory, because I can get a Monday-morning feeling any day of the week.

VIRTUE

And bless the guileless boffins of Bracknell, I like it. Maybe they never come into their laboratory snarling, brow like a thundercloud, and feel the joy of gradually warming up to life. Maybe their days are one long, sunny, song-filled idyll (with a yo-heave-ho for the H2O and one no more for the H2SO4).

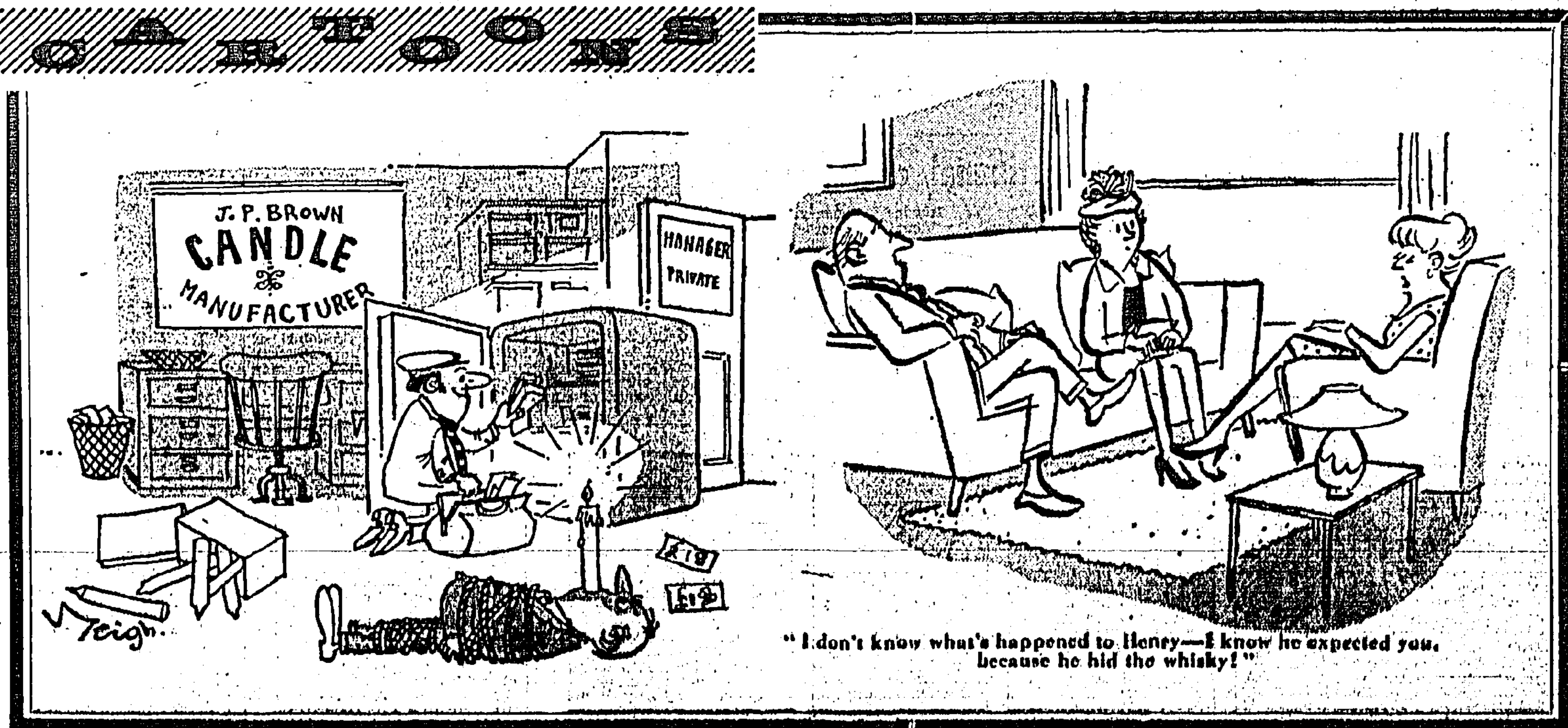
Horrible! Without a few mild downs like a Monday morning feeling life would never have any ups.

Without my Monday morning feelings my colleagues would have no chance to exercise the virtues of sympathy, forbearance, and understanding. (And without their Monday morning feelings neither would I).

We'd none of us have any excuse for a fit of harmless bad temper. We wouldn't be human any more.

—Thomas Hellyer

—(London Express Services).



"I don't know what's happened to Henry—I know he expected you, because he hid the whisky!"

KMB . . . 2, Sing Tao . . . 1

Punchless, pointless Tigers

TWO GOALS BY EX-SING TAO
STAR WONG TAK-FOOK
TAKE KMB TO VICTORY
By I. M. MacTAVISH

Eleven minutes before the end of this First Division match in which KMB beat Sing Tao by two goals to one at the Club stadium yesterday the fans were packing the exits on their way out.

Sixty seconds later the same folks were fighting their way back to a vantage point for the game had . . . for the first time in the afternoon . . . burst into real life.

Craving for a comfortable victory by two clear goals KMB suddenly found themselves confronted with a belated spark of revival from the previously listless and punchless Tigers. Apparently they did not like this implied threat to their success and in a well-worn phrase, their defenders started to "throw leather".

Young Kwok-kit was spoken to twice in quick succession for his conduct and then, as Sing Tao raced through in attack, Leung Kit, the Busmen's centre-half, sent Young Kwok-kit crashing to the ground with a shocking tackle.

Penalty-kick

The referee had no hesitation in awarding a penalty-kick. After Young had recovered he took the kick himself and left Wai Fat-kim helpless with a beautiful shot along the ground. The final nine minutes of the game were, to quote a comment made on the spot, "interesting".

KMB were quickly revealed in their true colours. "Kick-it anywhere" became the motto: time-wasting by every conceivable means became their tactics, and in between some of them found time to pay as much attention to the man as to the ball.

Young Kwok-kit had another show of disavowal from the referee but it was difficult to understand why left-back Sheun Chi-keung was allowed to remain on the field after a savage first-half tackle on Lau Woon-ching. It was as thoughtless and potentially

dangerous a bit of "toppling" as I have seen in years. The referee raced to the spot, pulled the culprit to his feet, whipped out his red book, waved a swarm of inquiring players away from the scene, booked Sheun, checked the number on his shirt and then, with almost everyone expecting marching orders, allowed the player to stay.

Below expectations

If ever a player asked for premature dismissal it was Sheun Chi-keung. He was very lucky indeed that he did not collect the full penalty for his action. Something must be done to shield the cultured half players from the crudities of the big-foot boys. Apart from the drama of the final ten minutes the match did not fulfil expectations. It was a long procession of misplaced passes and wasted opportunities with the 6,000 spectators getting very little to shout about.

For this state of affairs Sing Tao were mainly to blame. They never managed to produce the attractive form we have seen from them on many occasions recently. They were strangely uncertain in defence and right out of touch in attack and both KMB goals should have been prevented.

Kwok Chow-ming had a good afternoon but neither Lee Lul-kong nor Luk Ping-yiu, back in the team after several weeks absence, played as they can. Much of the defensive unsoundness sprang from Fung Koo-lung's inability to subdue roving Chow Shiu-hung. The pivot was never quite certain what to do when Chow went wandering.

Real trouble

The Sing Tao wing-halves played hard enough, but their distribution was often at fault and this gave the inside-forwards a lot of unnecessary running about.

The Tiger's real trouble, however, was in the forward line. Lee Tak-tung had a terrible game. Nothing would come off for the lanky winger and the barracking from the fans did not help him to find his touch.

Little Cheung Chi-wai—willing but oh so immature—was blotted out of the picture by seasoned campaigner Leung Kit and was never able to link his front rank together as a centre-forward must.

The return of Lau Woon-ching to the side raised only false hopes for the flying winger looked both unfit and unwilling

to risk physical encounter with his opponents and it was late in the game before there was even a glimpse of his tremendous speed.

KMB won because they took their chances and because they had a few players of experience capable of keeping a steady influence to the side. The successes among the busmen were skipper Lo Kwok-leung, Leung Kit, Wong Tak-fook and of course, tireless Chow Shiu-hung.

Goalkeeper Wai Fat-kim irritated the crowd with his 'amateur dramatics' designed to waste time in the closing stages while Young Kwok-kit punctuated his afternoon's work with some dangerous tackling and he shared with colossus Sheun Chi-keung and opponent Cheung Chi-man the black marks of the day.

The bone-hard uneven surface of the ground made classy football very difficult and twice in the opening minutes the players were beaten by the unexpected behaviour of the ball as it came off the pitch at strange angles but that was no real excuse for a bad finish to a good run by Lau Woon-ching. The winger pushed the ball weakly into a goal of opposing players while his mates waited for a lofted pass into the goalmouth.

Expensive free-kick

At the other end goalkeeper Kwok Chow-ming started a cheer as he dived under Wong Chu-po to clutch the ball as the winger was in the very act of shooting. . . but he was beaten all ends up a minute later when a fine hook shot by Wong Tak-fook hit the cross bar and rebounded into play.

In the full minute an awkward ball dropped between Lee Lul-kong and KMB winger Luk Man-wai. Both men tried to play it and it looked a bit harsh when a free-kick was awarded against the full-back. There appeared no intent to infringe. . . but free-kick it was. . . and an expensive one at that.

When the ball was swept across the penalty area Wong Chu-po chipped it back into the goalmouth and it was eventually pushed into the net by Wong Tak-fook.

One minute later Young Kwok-kit almost gave away the equaliser. He was only inches outside his own goal with a hasty 'safety' effort intended to thwart a burst by Cheung Chi-wai.

When least expected KMB went further ahead. Sing Tao's blinding Cheung Chi-man carelessly misplaced his pass in midfield when he appeared to have plenty of time to find his man. Chow Shiu-hung pounced on the ball and sent a long pass through to Wong Chu-po. The winger steered the ball before pushing the ball ahead for Wong Tak-fook to drive it along the ground and into the net.

Immediately afterwards KMB started an almost similar move but it came to an abrupt end when Cheung Chi-man laid Wong Tak-fook low with a crude tackle. The inside-right never really recovered.

Deterioration

The second half was remarkable only for the post-interval deterioration in the standard of play. Sing Tao had a spell of command without being able to get a goal and when the balance of pre-arranged, eventually named to the busmen they too failed to turn it to advantage.

The only real excitement came when Chow Shiu-hung caught the Sing Tao defence moving backwards in retreat and from 25 yards he fired a blistering grounder just outside the post.

Then came the penalty-kick incident and the game took on a new, if somewhat undignified, lease of life. With the referee taking a deep breath to blow the final whistle the referee's whistle Cheung Chi-wai had a second chance to have a valuable point for Sing Tao but after carrying the ball right through the KMB defence, and surviving a strong challenge by Leung Kit, he drove his finishing shot weakly wide of the post.

VERDICT: Little to shout about and, if one is prepared

Rome Games swim event dispute flares up again

The Hague, Mar. 5. The dispute over who won the Rome Olympic Games 100 metres freestyle swimming race bubbled up again today as the International Swimming Federation was reported ready to name a new committee to investigate the controversial finish.

Swimming Federation President Max Bitter of the United States and Federation Secretary Kilo Abe of Japan will designate a committee composed of Federation members to consider a demand by the U.S. Sports Federation to reverse the decision for the 100 metres.

John Devitt of Australia was named the winner of the Olympic event, but the U.S. claims that official Federation chronometers showed that the U.S. entry Lance Larson posted a better time, of 55.55, and 55.1 seconds against Devitt's 55.2, 55.2 and 55.2 seconds.

The new Commission would have to make a preliminary opinion on the controversy before the full Board of the Federation acted. The full Board is composed of A. De Salca of Hong Kong, Harry Geta of South Africa, A. Lambassa of Yugoslavia, F. Rigal of France, B. Bayer of West Germany and E. J. Scott of Britain.—AP.

The jockeys were all women

Nice, Mar. 5. Another bastion of male supremacy fell here today. An officially sanctioned horse race complete with pari-mutuel betting was run at the Hippodrome De La Cote d'Azur race track and the jockeys were all women.

The winning rider was Janine Lefevre, 23-year-old daughter of Actor Rene Lefevre.—AP.

SUGAR RAY FACES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Las Vegas, Mar. 5. The Nevada State Athletic Commission announced here today that it was considering taking disciplinary action against Sugar Ray Robinson for "conduct detrimental to boxing".

Robinson was outpointed here last night by Gene Fullmer in a bout for the National Boxing Association version of the world middleweight title.

Mr. John Gammon, one of the Commissioners, said the reason for this action was because Robinson had threatened to refuse to fight unless the ring was enlarged and the gloves changed.

A bigger ring was brought here from Los Angeles, and new gloves flown in.

Mr. Gammon said the Commission was split 2-2 on whether to fine or suspend Robinson. His own opinion was that when the Commission met again tomorrow it would finally vote simply for a public reprimand.—Reuter.

to excuse their tactics in the closing ten minutes, KMB deserved to win. . . on yesterday's form Sing Tao hardly merited a point. . . but, one thing seemed certain. . . Sheun Chi-keung deserved the experience of the long walk back to the dressing room ahead of his mates.

The teams

KMB: Wai Fat-kim, Lo Kwok-leung, Sheun Chi-keung, Lo Foon, Leung Kit, Young Kwok-kit, Wong Chu-po, Wong Tak-fook, Chow Shiu-hung, Cheung Yiu-kwok, Luk Man-wai.

Sing Tao: Kwok Chow-ming, Lee Lul-kong, Luk Ping-yiu, Cheung Man-chi, Fung Koo-lung, Cheung Chi-man, Lau Woon-ching, Young Kwok-kit, Cheung Chi-wai, Young Kwok-kit, Lee Tak-tung.

Referee: Mr I. Petric.

Third straight wins for Canada, Russia in World Ice Hockey

Geneva, Mar. 5.

The fast-skating Canadians turned aside a strong rally by the Americans today and wound up 7-4 (4-2, 2-0, 1-2) winners over the United States in the World Ice Hockey Championships.

The Russians, co-favourites with Canada for the title, defeated Finland 7-3 (3-0, 0-0, 2-3) in another Group One match in Lausanne. The Canadians and Russians both have won their opening three matches and are expected to fight it out for the title when they clash in the Championship on March 12.

Other matches

Finland has won one match—against East Germany—and the United States now has lost all its three matches against Russia, Czechoslovakia and Canada. In other Group one matches, Sweden beat East Germany 3-2 (1-0, 1-2, 1-0), and Czechoslovakia defeated West Germany 6-0 (2-0, 0-0, 4-0).

In Group Two and Group Three matches earlier today Italy defeated Austria 7-2 and Romania defeated South Africa 14-0.

Teams playing in group three are fighting for 15th to 20th places.—AP.

Doug Sanders takes the New Orleans Open

New Orleans, Mar. 5. Doug Sanders of California won the \$30,000 (\$10,700) New Orleans Open invitation Golf Tournament here today by four strokes.

The 27-year-old Sanders had a final round of 70 for a total of 272, and his cheque for first prize came to \$4,300 (\$1,500).

Gary Brewer of Florida and Mac Malt of Virginia tied for second place on 277.

Gary Player of South Africa and Johnny Post of Louisiana tied for third place with totals of 208.—Reuter.

Shorter time-gap for WI-Australia cricket series?

Port of Spain, Mar. 5. Mr Gerry Gomez, manager of the West Indies touring cricket team, said here today that the West Indies Board of Control should ask Australia to shorten the nine-year gap between visits there by the West Indies.

Judging from the interest in series which ended recently, the Australians would be happy to see the West Indians more often, Mr Gomez said.—China Mpi Special.

CHEYENNES . . . 5,

SCAA . . . 4

Robert Remedios hits one past Benny Omar to score the winning run

By OLLY VAS

Not many softballers belong to the rank of players who have succeeded in hitting the ball past ageless Benny Omar but a new member of this group was admitted to the fraternity yesterday.

This was Robert Remedios of the Cheyennes whose well-placed hit bounced on the canvas sack covering third base and then rolled along the line to the outfield for a triple which was the blow that helped the Cheyennes to pip SCAA 5-4 in the main attraction at King's Park over the weekend.

Battling first, the SCAA nine were two runs up in a matter of minutes. Fleet-footed A.G. Small wangled a walk off David Mallig, then Arthur Ozorio followed suit and the Cheyennes were in trouble.

Short-lived lead

Poor's fielder's choice sent both runners to the bases ahead of them, then Benny Omar dashed a hit to right field. Small dashed for home and crossed the plate as the relay from the outfield was intercepted by pitcher Mallig. Ozorio also tallied on the play to put

the SCAA two runs up. Wong and Y.K. Chan were retired to close the SCAA inning. It proved to be a short-lived lead for in their turn at bat the Cheyennes tied up the game and even forged into the lead.

Dick Chavez and Manuel Xavier scored for the Cheyennes to make the score all square at two runs apiece. Then Onofre Osof scored on a sacrifice bunt. Danny Gosano's grounder for the Cheyennes to lead 3-2 before Benny Omar was called out to end the first inning. SCAA were retired in quick order in the top of the second and so were the Cheyennes, leaving the score unchanged.

In the third inning the lead changed hands.

Arthur Ozorio was struck out by Mallig for the first 'out' then L.C. Poon hit one past shortstop Onofre Souza to get on base. Poon stole second safely when catcher George Ribeiro made a bad throw to Souza. Benny Omar then came into the limelight when he connected solidly and sent the ball zooming past the Cheyenne infield, between second and third bases. Poon had the easiest of tasks to score the tying run of the game.

P.C. Wong was out on a routine infield play, then Y.K. Chan banged the ball past shortstop Souza and Omar dashed home with SCAA's fourth run. K.C. Sit got a base on balls off Mallig but with two runners on, base Eddie Young could not come through with a hit and the SCAA team had to be content with their one-run lead. The scoreboard now reading SCAA 4, Cheyennes 3.

Fielding gem

SCAA pitcher George Pang Jr was seen to advantage in this third inning when with one away and Souza practicing around at third base he forced Poon to pop up and Carlos Azevedo to ground out to retire the Cheyennes and to get his team-mates out of trouble.

The crowd certainly gave a big hand to Benny in the bottom of the fourth when with the score still unchanged he pulled off a fielding gem.

David Mallig's hard drive bounced off Omar's leg but the fielder made a quick recovery and whipped a fast throw to first to beat Mallig to the sack. Carlos Azevedo got on base via a hit but George Ribeiro double-bunted and Chavez lifted a foul tip to leave Azevedo-cooling his heels.

P.C. Wong spoiled his team's chances of going further ahead in the top of the fifth inning when he foolishly stroled to third base to find shortstop Souza waiting for him with the ball in hand. When the Cheyennes failed to score in the bottom half of the fifth, it seemed as if the new champions would extend their winning streak to eight games but it was not to be.

SCAA were out in 1-2-3 fashion in the top of the sixth and in this inning the Cheyennes failed to take advantage of the opportunity to get that elusive tying run.

With Gosano and Mallig on third and second respectively and only one down the next two batters could do no better than hit the ball to the outfielders who were playing shallow.

The Cheyennes' chances did eventually come, in the last inning. This time they were not to be denied. Manuel Xavier bunted beautifully, with one 'out' on the scoreboard, advanced to second on a wild pitch by Pang and then came home when Onofre Souza's drive went

through Pang's outstretched legs. Pang was caught off balance after pitching and had no chance to field Souza's hit.

Winning run

Then up strode husky left-hander Remedios who, with a one-strike, two balls 'count' on him, fooled the SCAA infield by blasting an outside pitch on Benny Omar's direction. Omar never even saw the ball, and seconds later there were pandemonium all round as Souza tallied the winning run of the game.

And of Remedios there was no sight as the Cheyennes supporters joined in the melee to offer their congratulations. A very tense game indeed.

The Cheyennes failed to trouble SCAA, who can thank opposing pitcher Pang for this, as well as Benny Omar who played the game of his life. The winners' Remedios and their catcher Ribeiro were outstanding.

Other results

Results of other softball matches during the weekend were:

Junior league

Antelopes 11, Wolves 8. Indians 25, Wolves 2. Stardusts 12, New Asir College 8.

Ladies' division

Toreros 4, Nam Wah 8.

Ferry Sonnevile wins German shuttle title

Bonn, Mar. 5. The Indonesian ace, Ferry Sonnevile won the men's singles title of the West German International Badminton Championships when he defeated Malaya's Lee Kin-tat 15-9, 15-7 here today.

Results of other finals today were:

Women's Singles: Judy Hashman (U.S.) beat Sonia Cox (New Zealand) 11-1, 11-1. Men's Doubles: H. T. Findlay and A. D. Jordan (Britain) beat K. H. Y. Yee and C. T. Oon (Malaya) 15-4, 15-2. Women's Doubles: Mrs Hashman (U.S.) and S. Cox (New Zealand) beat Schmidt and Latz (Germany) 15-4, 15-2. Mixed Doubles: C. T. Oon (Malaya) and S. Cox (New Zealand) beat K. M. Yeeh (Malaya) and Mrs Hashman 15-1, 15-12.—AP.

Eye-tests for soccer referees

Melbourne, Mar. 4. Football referees here are to have their eyes tested—it has been officially decided.

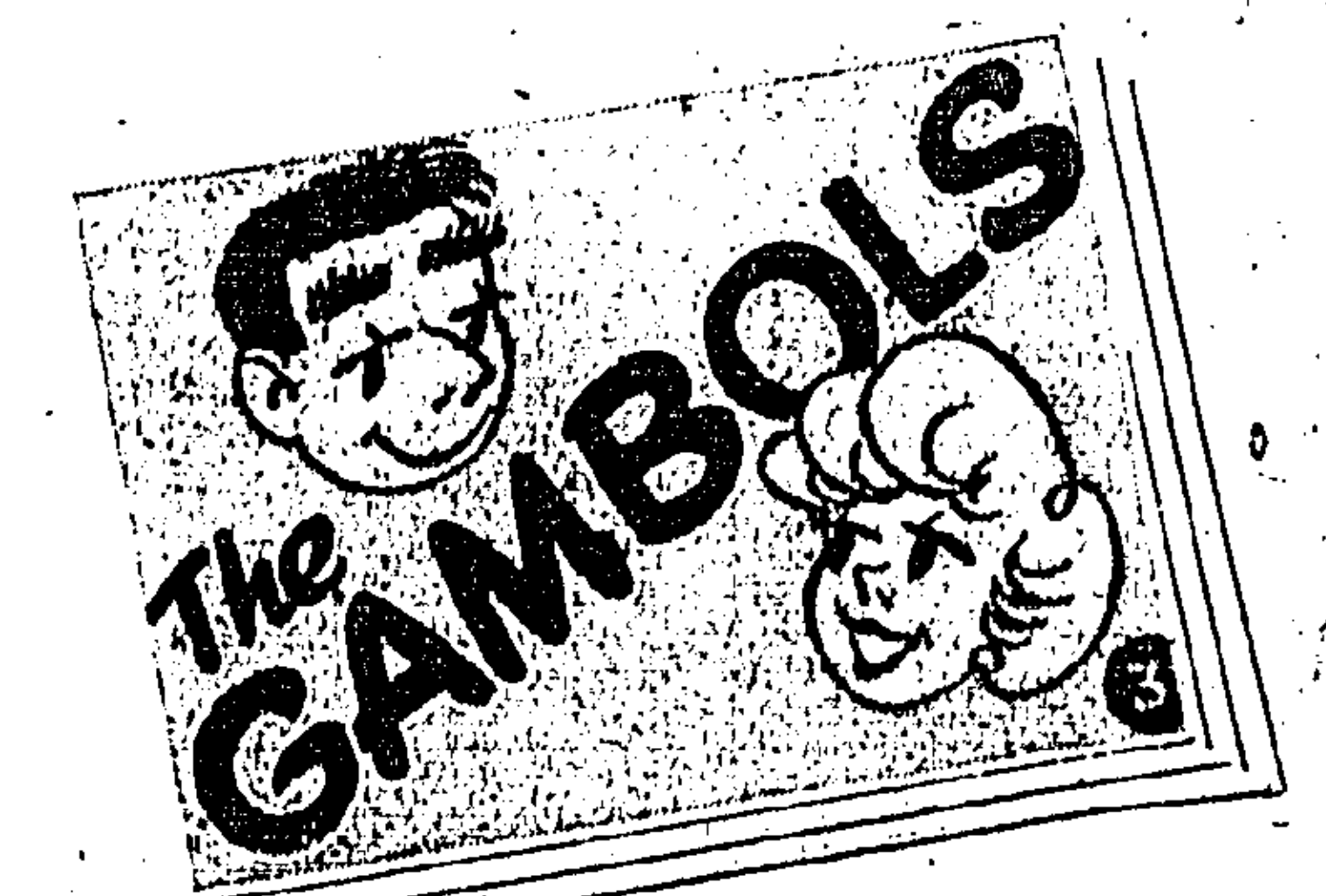
The traditional advice from the side-lines was put forward officially by a football club and accepted promptly by the Victorian Football Association today.

The advice came from the Brunswick Football Club committee.

A member of the club said today that one referee could not see more than seven feet without glasses.

On a muddy day during last football season he had to stop the game three times to wipe his glasses.—China Mail Special.

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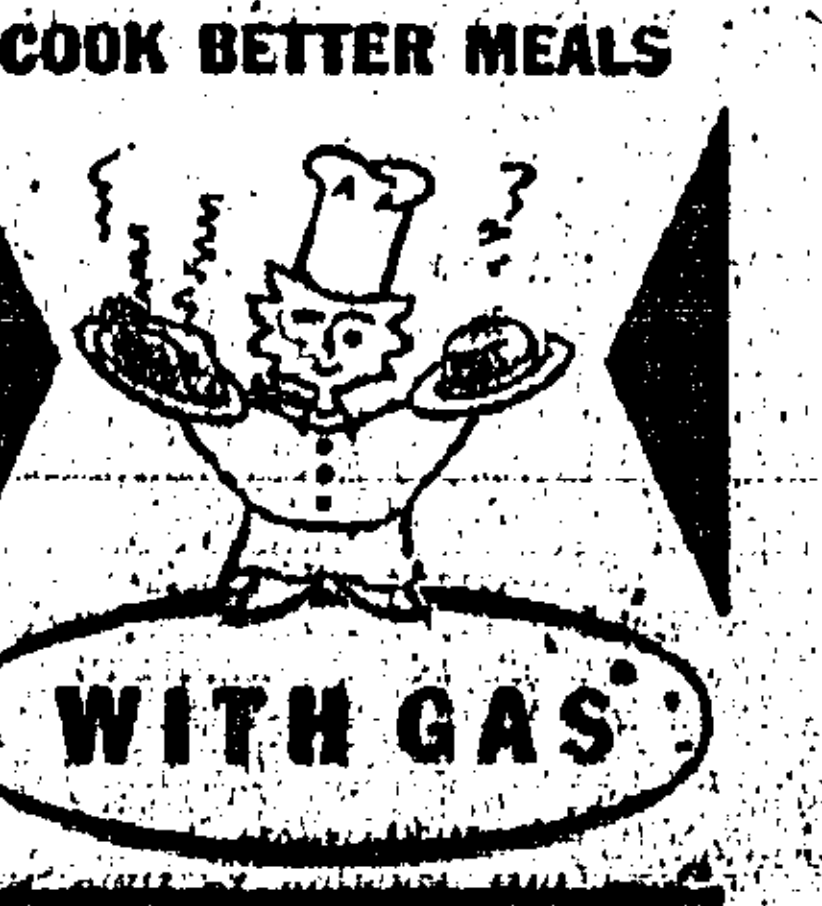
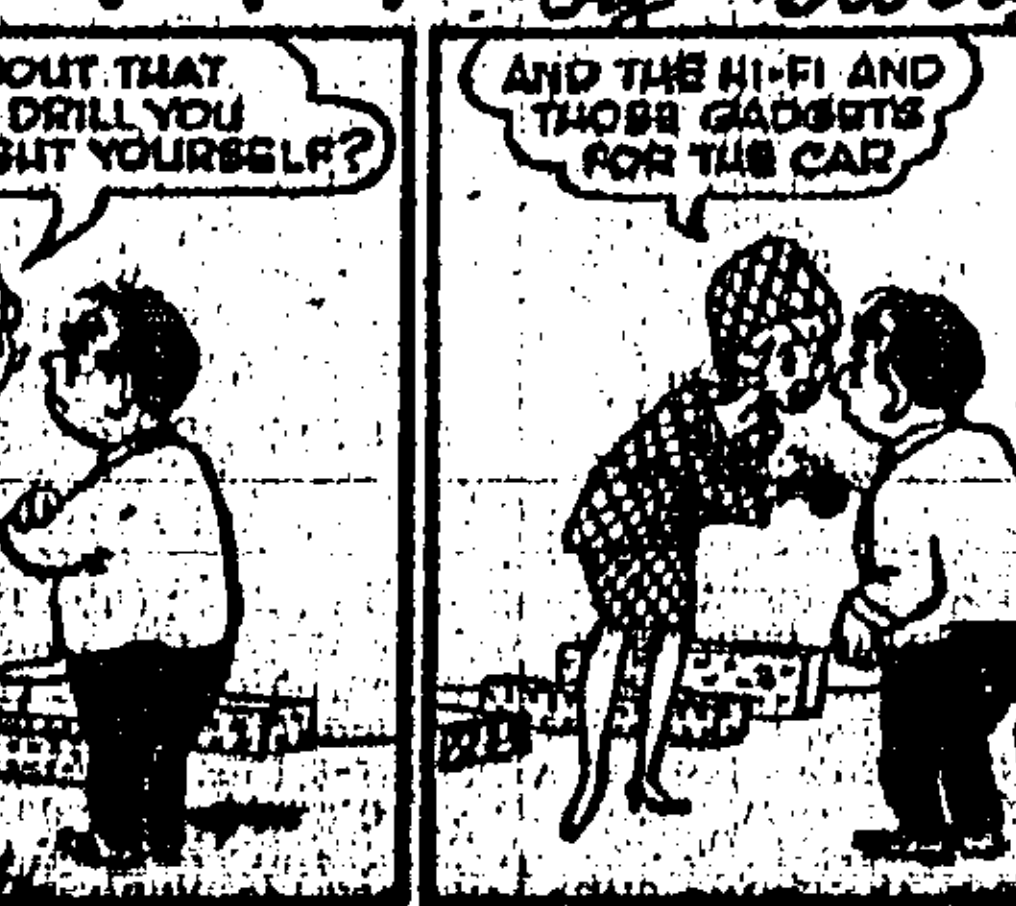
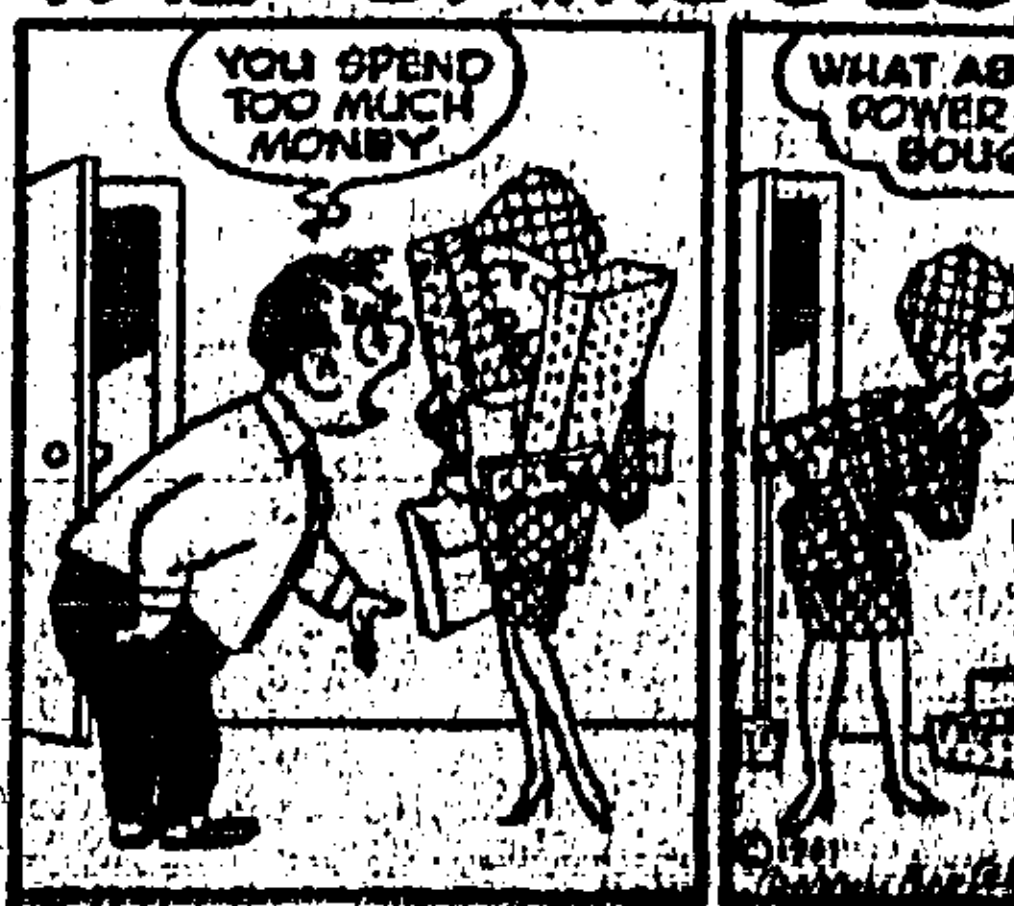
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WEEKEND HOCKEY

MACAO CLUB SHARE HONOURS
WITH LOCAL TEAMSCombined Civilians lose to
Services in Festival match

By NUMPERE

As part of the Fourth Festival of Sport at the Hongkong Government stadium yesterday the HKHA staged a hockey match between the Combined Civilians and Combined Services which resulted in a 5-2 win for the Services.

The Hockey Club de Macao also visited the Colony over the weekend and their 'A' teams were successful in beating the Army 4-2 on Saturday and KCC 'A' on Sunday.

Their 'B' team, however, were not so successful being beaten 5-2 by the RAF on Saturday and losing 3-4 to KCC 'B' on Sunday.

In the Gremlins Cup Semi-final replay on Saturday Recreo earned the right to meet Gremlins 'B' in the final by beating Gremlins 3-2 after extra-time.

Army vs Macao

Fielding nine of their Inter-port XI, Macao 'A' defeated the Army by 4-2 at Kai Tak on Saturday.

The pitch was in perfect condition and in spite of the warm humid weather, some fast and exciting hockey was seen. Although being held to a 1-1 draw at half-time Macao were pretty well on top throughout and appeared to ease up in the later stages.

For the first 15 minutes it was Macao constantly on the attack and they went ahead in the sixth minute through Jorge after a left wing movement.

Then in the 15th minute the Army broke away and a very weak clearance by goalkeeper Boyl went straight to Turner who scored from close range to put the Army on level terms.

Best goal

Two minutes later Macao should have taken the lead when Bowell let Marques through but although he ran on past goalkeeper Fearn, he shot wide of the empty goal.

Macao continued to hold the upper hand but the score remained level at half-time. On the resumption of play Macao kept on the attack and regained the lead in the 45th minute when Almeida shot from the edge of the circle and although Fearn appeared to have it covered he missed his kick to let the ball through.

Tomas Lejus wins
Moscow tennis
singles title

Moscow, Mar. 5. Tomas Lejus of Russia today won the men's singles final of the international tennis tournament here, defeating Allan Mills of Britain 6-2, 6-3, 7-5, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Tass said Irina Ryazanova won the women's singles title, defeating Silvana Lazario of Italy 6-8, 6-2, 6-0. The Soviet girl made numerous mistakes in the first set but settled down in the second and took four straight games from the Italian player.

Miss Lazario appeared to tire in the latter part of the match and could not handle the Russian girl's fast game, good net play and hard drives from the base line.

Deldre Cat and Allan Mills of Britain won the mixed doubles championship, defeating Anna Dmitriyeva and Sergei Likhachev of Russia 6-3, 6-3.—AP.

Chess News

By LEONARD BARDEN

THE five British players in the annual Hastings international tournament have no reputations to lose against the five Eastern European grandmasters and masters; for all the experts tip the foreigners to come in the top five places.

The best chance of an upset is in the combinative attacks of John Littlewood, who might take one of the weaker foreigners, Bondarevsky or Silva, by surprise, while Peter Clarke will be expected to take several draws from the grandmasters.

On paper the unofficial match between the five young Englishmen and the foreigners will go against us by around 10-0; but we must hope that the keen ambition of our players will give a better result.

Solution No. 588: 1... B-K4 ch; 2 K-B2; R-K4; 3 K-K4; 4 K-K4; Q-Q1 ch; B-K5 ch; 5 K-B3; Q-R4 ch and mates.

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Five minutes later they went further ahead when Marques ran through the centre and scored for a fine solo effort. Then in the 55th minute came the best goal of the match.

Almeida went away up the left wing and sent a hard centre pass to the right. Santos stopped the ball just outside the circle and spread-eagled the Army defence with a quick pass to Jorge who banged the ball home for his second goal.

With the score at 4-1 in their favour Macao eased up and the Army had much more of the game. They had several chances to reduce the lead, but could only score once through Frusher from close range in the 65th minute.

The teams

Army: Fearn, Pettifer, Oliphant, Pearce, Lettlin, Bowell, Frusher, Humphreys, Narbu Lama, Holmes, Turner.

Macao: A. Boyol, H. Rodrigues, A. Basio, H. Rocha, A. Cordeiro, F. Cordeiro, J. V. Santos, F. Marques, L. Ritchie, A. Jorge, A. Almeida.

RAF vs Macao 'B'

Whilst Macao were beating the Army, on an adjoining pitch the RAF defeated Macao 'B' by 5-2 in a game that was good in parts and scrappy in others.

Although RAF had the majority of the play territorially it was not until the last 10 minutes, during which they scored three times, that they really looked like winning. They were kept at bay so long mainly through the sterling defence of left-back Aires and goalkeeper Santos who pulled off several fine saves.

RAF's inside-right Ryan scored an early goal in a Holland Cup match three weeks ago, which, unfortunately, caused him to withdraw from the Combined Services side in yesterday's Festival match.

Early lead

The RAF took a very early lead when in the second minute Thirbeck converted a Ryan short-corner. They kept the pressure on and Macao attacks were mainly confined to sporadic breakaways but it was not until the 37th minute that the RAF increased their lead when Ryan went through on his own and scored.

Four minutes later Macao reduced the gap through F. Rodrigues following a short-corner.

There was no further score before the interval but immediately on the resumption Macao's inside-left F. Baptista went through on his own with some very clever stickwork and flicked the ball past Fisher to level the scores.

This setback seemed to disorganise the RAF and for the next 20 minutes play was inclined to be scrappy but they came back in the later stages with three goals in seven minutes to clinch the issue. Firstly, in the 27th minute, Patrick scored after being put through by Thirbeck and then Hanley scored in the last three minutes of the match. It was another very clean game and the RAF deserved their success.

Afterwards the teams were entertained to dinner at Kai Tak during the course of which the RAF captain Fit Lt Thirbeck welcomed the Macao

players on their return to Kai Tak after several years and hoped it would prove to be an annual fixture.

In reply Mr H. Rodrigues stressed that although the main reason for the visit was to play hockey the friendships made during the visits were of importance and he hoped the fixtures would continue.

The teams

RAF: Fisher, Sizy, Hutton, Thirbeck, Nash, Beels, Hook, Ryan, Hanley, Patrick, Balcombe.

Macao 'B': R. Lopes, A. A. Aires, F. Siqueira, F. Cunha, E. Cordicho, T. Martins, A. Cordeiro, F. Rodrigues, F. Baptista, H. Baptista.

Gremlins Cup

In a semi-final replay at King's Park on Saturday Recreo defeated Gremlins 'A' 3-2, after extra-time to earn the right to play Gremlins 'B' in the final.

Recreo were 1-0 up at half-time through a seventh minute goal from V. Souza and although Gremlins were on top at the start of the second half it was Recreo who were first to score again when V. Souza scored her second goal in the 51st minute.

However, Gremlins came back and levelled the scores with goals from J. Barrow in the 55th minute and B. Mail in the 60th minute to force a goalless extra-time.

During the first 10 minutes period the scores remained level but during the next 10 minutes Collaco ran through from the half-way line to score and put Recreo in the final.

Combined Civilians vs Combined Services

This match was played at the Government Stadium in conditions which were far from perfect. The playing surface was decidedly rough but despite this and the fact that other events were taking place at the same the standard of hockey was good.

The Services adapted themselves to the conditions the better and were comfortable winners by 5-2. Their team showed one change from that published, Patrick (RAF) replacing the injured Ryan. Additionally they played the second half with right-back Pettifer limping on the left wing but it did not handicap his shooting power; he fairly rattled the backboards in scoring just before full-time.

For the Services Holmes at inside-right was outstanding and can seldom have played a better receiving excellent support from inside-left Turner.

Newcomers

The Civilians introduced several newcomers to representative hockey for this match and they justified their selection. Monteiro and Capitulo played well at full-back as did Costa at centre-half but Sa'Silva seemed a little lost in the inside-left position being a regular performer on the left wing for his club.

The bumpy surface was against the usual tricky stickwork of Gardner and Dallah and had it been smoother, the result might well have been different.

The Combined Civilians were first into the attack and Pettifer conceded a short-corner but Fearn saved Sa'Silva's shot and cleared. They attacked again through J. Capitulo but his centre was too far ahead of Gardner.

Then, in the fourth minute, the Services took the lead. Centre-half Lettlin worked his way in to the circle and al-

SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Wootton



London Express Service.

though Kadir saved his shot, he followed up quickly and scored with a hard shot. The Civilians went flat out for an equaliser and achieved it in the 13th minute after a succession of corners when Gardner ran in and flicked past Fearn.

Three minutes later they took the lead again through Gardner after the opening was made by Sa'Silva and L. Guterres whose final pass was perfectly placed.

The exchanges continued evenly but the Services gradually began to have more of the play and three minutes before half-time drew level when Turner scored after Holmes had put him through.

Brilliant save

Patrick moved to left-half and Bowell took Pettifer's place at right-back.

During the first few minutes play switched from end to end but after 10 minutes, Lettlin again worked his way into the circle and flicked past Kadir to make the score 3-2 in the Services' favour.

Five minutes later they nearly went further ahead. Holmes and Lama combined to give Turner a shot which Kadir saved, but Lama regained possession and shot only for Monteiro to save brilliantly on the goal line.

The Services now held the upper hand and in the few attacks mounted by the Civilians Fearn was usually well out to clear.

In the 67th minute Holmes capped a very good performance with a well taken goal from Turner's pass and two minutes later Pettifer made it 5-2 in the Services' favour with a hard drive.

It was an entertaining match which the Combined Services deserved to win but with cyclists and athletes on the track and archers performing on the side lines proved rather distracting to the spectators.

Combined Civilians: Kadir, Monteiro, A. Capitulo, Valoma, Costa, R. A. Silva, J. Capitulo, O. K. Dallah, Gardner, Sa'Silva, L. Guterres.

Combined Services: Fearn, Pettifer, Oliphant, Pearce, Lettlin, Bowell, Stevenson, Holmes, Narbu Lama, Turner, Patrick.

KCC 'A' vs Macao

In this match at KCC the home side went close to providing an upset and had they taken advantage of a penalty-bully midway through the second half when the score stood at 2-2 they might well have achieved the distinction of being the first club side to defeat Macao.

As it was Macao emerged the victors by 4-2 through two goals in the last three minutes of the match.

The first half was played at an extremely fast pace and at half-time the teams were level at 1-1.

Nery special

KCC's goal came through a typical Nery special from a short-corner in the eighth minute with Macao equalising two minutes later through Ritchie.

Two minutes after the interval Macao took the lead for the first time when Jorge scored but eight minutes later Landells put KCC back on level terms with a hard shot from an oblique angle.

From then on the excitement was intense and almost reached breaking point when KCC were awarded a penalty bully in the 52nd minute after left-back Basto stopped another Nery special from entering the net with his foot.

However, Basto won the penalty-bully against Rowan and KCC's chances of glory faded.

In the 61st minute Almeida was guilty of a bad miss for

Macao when after beating two defenders and with only the goalkeeper to beat he pushed a very tame shot at Dhaner's pads.

Play switched bewilderingly from end to end but it was Macao who found the net. Marques went through but could not get a shot in with three defenders in attendance so flicked the ball back to Ritchie who made no mistake with a very hard shot.

With only three minutes left for play it was still anybody's game but one minute from time Marques made it safe for Macao by scoring from Martin's pass. This ended another very enjoyable series of matches with the boys from Macao who always seem to pull out the best from Hongkong's players and provide such wonderful entertainment for the large numbers of spectators.

The teams

KCC: Dhaner, Chamberlain, Nery, Tait, Coffey, Simoes, Rosa, Landells, Sloan, Rowan, Carcysford.

Macao: Boyol, Aires, Basto, Rocha, A. Cordeiro, F. Cordeiro, Santos, Marques, Ritchie, Jorge, Almeida.

Earlier in the afternoon KCC 'B' defeated Macao 'B' by 4-3 and in an exhibition ladies game KCC defeated Gremlins 2-1.

Results

Results of hockey matches played during the weekend were:

FRIENDLY MATCHES
Combined Civilians 2, Combined Services 5.

Army 'A' 2, Macao 'A' 4.
KCC 'A' 2, Macao 'A' 4.
RAF 5, Macao 'B' 2.
KCC 'B' 4, Macao 'B' 3.
KCC 2, Gremlins 1.

GREMLINS CUP
Semi-final replay
Recreo 3, Gremlins 'A' 2 (after extra time).

SECOND DIVISION
Recreo 'B' 1.
Army 'C' 4, IRC 'B' 1.

1st ROYAL WARWICK WIN
ARMY RUGBY 'SEVENS'
AFTER THRILLING FINAL

By "PROP"

The Army Seven-A-Side Rugby Union Competition was won on Saturday by the 1st Royal Warwick Regiment after a thrilling final against the 17/21st Lancers.

Congratulations to the Warwick Regiment on this victory, achieved against a side who had started the day with no more than an average chance of winning but who by virtue of good tactics had established themselves as firm favourites by the time the final tie was played.

With the withdrawal of one side entered by the 14th Field Regiment RA, and one entered by the 32 Medium Regiment RA, the field was reduced to 17 teams.

Some notable first round victories were scored by Royal Signals who defeated the fabled Gurkha Rifles "A" team by eight points to five, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers who disposed of Whitefield Wanderers "A" side by 18 points to 10, and 1st Royal Warwick Regiment who set back the aspirations of the Hongkong Regiment to the tune of eight points to five.

At the conclusion of the tournament the winners received their trophies from the Chief-of-Staff who also presented a crate of beer to the Police "A" side who were the victors in a series of two matches played against the RAF.

With the 'Blarney Stone' shortly it was good to see the Police side in such good form. It seems very probable that this competition will be sadly depleted by the absence of many Army sides due to Service Commitments.

Semi-finalists

The Lancers had a slender win over the Gurkha Rifles "B" team to enter the semi-finals where they easily defeated the Fusiliers by 20 points to three. The Warwick Regiment and 5th Field Regiment RA came through to the other semi-final which was won by the Warwick Regiment by 13 points to nil.

The final was played at a good pace, throughout and the Lancers went into a half-time lead of six points, scoring two good tries which Broomfield was unable to convert.

Warwick Regiment picked up in the second half, and mainly through a fine display by Keen and Brown, backed up by some strong running by Cresswell, they scored twice near to the side-line. Brown was unable to add the extra points, and the game continued to the "sudden death" ending.

This came after five minutes of extra-time when Brown scored a good opportunist try

Ann Haydon loses
Caracas tennis
doubles final

Caracas, Mar. 5. Defending champions Maria Bueno of Brazil and Darlene Hard of the United States today retained the women's doubles title at the Caracas International Tennis Tournament. They defeated Ann Haydon of England and Yola Ramirez of Mexico, 3-6, 9-7, 6-4.

Miss Bueno played well throughout, losing service only once. Miss Hard had considerable trouble with her serve.

The Haydon-Ramirez pair seemed on the way to an upset after winning the first set. They took a 4-2 lead in the second set and a 4-1 lead in the third but could not keep up the pace.—AP.



FERD'NAND

By Mik



NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



BRICK BRADFORD

By Paul Norris



Sports Diary

TODAY
Bathurst Junior Championships
Colonies Junior Recreation Club,
7.30 pm. League: CCC "Yellow" v
HKO at CCC, 7.30 pm.
Entries close for Senior Championships.
Rugby: 1st Division: Army v Happy Valley (Police) 4.45 pm.
Reserve Division: Army v Happy Valley (Police) 8.45 pm.

MY VISIT TO QUEMOY



C.S. Wang tells reporters of trip to offshore island 2 days before arrest

Welcoming banners greeted Shanghai-born Chinese sportsman C.S. Wang, 57, when he arrived at Taipei yesterday from Hongkong after being deported as an undesirable alien. The above photograph was taken by a China Mail photographer before Mr Wang left Kai Tak. Mr Wang is shown in the centre surrounded by friends and members of his family.

In Taipei more than 100 people turned up to meet the one time Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association. Wang told reporters that during a visit to Formosa last year he made a trip to the Chinese Nationalist-held offshore island of Quemoy and flew to Hongkong on November 2. He was arrested two days later without any specific

charges and released on Christmas eve on HK\$ 5,000 bail. He said after his arrest he had been questioned at length over a long period and had answered willingly and truthfully, without any evasiveness. "In my case, despite the fact that during my 19 years in Hongkong, I worked for the interests of the people of Hong-

kong, justice has not been done. In fact there was no justice accorded to me in accordance with the principles of British justice. "I am, of course, happy to be here in Taiwan, where I plan to start life anew and in some way help to contribute to the general interest of my government and the welfare of the people."—AP.

MICHAEL AND SUSAN WILDING TALK ABOUT TAILORS, FILMS HOMES AND DIAMONDS

by Sylvia de Costa Roque

Said a female voice on the other end of the telephone, "We're completely surrounded by tailors, would you mind very much waiting 15 minutes to give us time to clear the place?" So, after the requested interval I took the lift up to the fifth floor of the Ambassador Hotel, knocked on the door of a luxury suite, and came face to face with one of Britain's most famous actors, Michael Wilding and his attractive blonde wife, Susan.

A new list

The couple were dressed for a cocktail party, they were holding to say "thank you" to friends who had entertained them during their seven-day stay in Hongkong. And yesterday, they left for Honolulu before breaking their world tour to go to Rome where Mr Wilding is to make a film with David Niven. "You know," said the actor, "I don't even know what the film is to be called. I didn't know anything about it until I arrived here, and since then dozens of cables have been flying back and forth. But I do know it is a war film to be filmed in Italy and Israel." Michael Wilding in real life is exactly like the Michael Wilding of the screen—tall and debonair with a boyish grin. Very nice and completely natural.

It was easy to picture him in the gay films that made him famous, films like "Spring in Park Lane" and "Maytime in Mayfair." "Yes," he said, "they were happy films, and I enjoyed making them tremendously, but I doubt if I will be making any more like that. They've gone out of fashion, you know." Interposed his wife, "These days, people prefer life at the kitchen sink — you know, realism." Michael Wilding played in "The World of Suzie Wong" and so did Mrs Wilding, "I played Michael's wife."

He didn't make it clear whether that was his last role, but when asked what his last film was, he replied, "I'd rather not think about it, it wasn't very good." Michael Wilding was born in Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex on July 23, 1912. He began his career as a commercial artist and made his first West End appearance in 1935. He started in films, "bit parts" in 1940 and since then he has made so many he has lost count. Among his best known are "The Courtneys of Curzon Street," "An Ideal Husband," and "Under Capricorn." Recently he made "The Glass Slipper" with Leslie Caron playing Cinderella to his Prince Charming. But the theatre is his first love. One of his last plays was "Nude with Violin," when he took over the lead from Noel Coward. Susan Wilding, one of Britain's richest women and famous for her diamonds, is Michael Wilding's third wife. His first was Kay Young, his second, as everyone knows, Elizabeth Taylor. Susan has been in the news during the last year for the number of thefts that have robbed her of thousands of pounds worth of jewels and furs. "But we know that the thieves were after," said Mrs Wilding, "my diamond, the largest square cut in private ownership in the world. It was fun to own, but I had to keep it in the bank. You know, it was so large it reached to my knuckle. Anyway I decided to put it to better use, I sold it and put the money into stocks."

The smartest

The couple have two private homes. Their town house "next door to Buckingham Palace" is done in Chinese decor. Their house at the coast is all antiques. Mrs Wilding herself owns 24 houses around London. "I rent them out to visiting Americans," she said. The Wildings plan to return here in a few months. Said Michael Wilding, "for goodness' sake, don't ask us what we've seen of Hongkong. All we can tell you is where you can get the smartest dresses and who make the best suits."

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COMMENTED the Morning Post at the annual race meeting: "Hongkong's annual race meeting has come and gone, the third major interruption of trade and work in two months. If any bewails the yearly orgy of illegitimate hope, however, he will perhaps restrain his criticism upon remembering that the atrocious weather of the week reduced both pleasure and profit, and that more and more the annual races become the obsession of the addicts rather than the general holiday which they used to be."

"To older residents the decline of the gala atmosphere of the great 'Spring Meeting' is noticeable. No longer is it absolutely intrusive; it has become merely a sports event for sportsmen. The tremendous excitement that used to attend the lottery drawings has fallen away; the sweeps (Calcuttas they are called elsewhere), which of old attracted crowds to every club in the Colony for a week before the races, are today confined to one official session.

"True the Chinese still flock in thousands to make a holiday of it (free of charge) but they turn their backs to racing when a football match starts, and it would seem that nowadays they are attracted merely by the crowds and colour — magnets whose pull must in time lessen."

Dr John J. A. Sherry, after many years of activity at Lourdes, followed by lecturing in many countries, and spreading knowledge and devotion on "Lourdes miracles and cures" from the medical standpoint has come to China, where he has offered his life for the lepers at San Kui, Kiangmoon, the Maryknoll Station.

He first came to China in 1934, and worked as a missionary doctor in Kiangsi. He joined the Maryknoll Mission leper colony workers last December.

FINES FOR SOLDIERS WHO DROVE USD VAN

Two soldiers who drove away an Urban Services Dept refuse van from the Hennessy-road garage on Saturday night, appeared before Mr T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning.

Allen Lewis, 21, of first Battalion, "Z" Coy, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, Stanley Fort, pleaded guilty to driving without a licence, without the owner's consent and without third party insurance and was fined \$600 or nine weeks' jail. The other soldier, Leslie Oliver Lansden, 22, of first Battalion, "Z Coy," Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, Stanley Fort, also pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the offences, and was fined \$200 or three weeks' jail.

Santiago de Chile, Mar. 5. A violent earthquake shook the town of Los Angeles (Chile) today, the Chilean Public Works Ministry announced. Los Angeles is located 570 kilometres south of the capital, Santiago de Chile.—AFP.

SMUGGLERS' PICK-UP MAN FINED \$1,000

A man who was paid \$12 to pick up from the sea two parcels of dutiable tobacco which had been thrown overboard from a Macao ferry was fined \$1,000 or in default, three months' jail, by Mr Derek Cons at Central Court this morning.

The 36-year-old man, Fung Yau-tan, pleaded guilty to having in his custody 89 lbs of Chinese prepared tobacco on which duty of more than \$400 had not been paid. Revenue Inspector G. Kerswill told the court on Friday evening two parcels of Chinese prepared tobacco were thrown overboard from the ss Fatshan off Kennedy Town. Fung was seen picking up the tobacco from a sampan and was arrested by Revenue officers who were there on information. Both Fung's sampan and the tobacco were confiscated.

\$50 for beggar

Chung Yue-har, 42, of 178 Hoi Tin-street, ground floor, charged with begging was ordered by Mr A. J. Scagginetti at South Kowloon Court this morning to be given \$50 from the poor box.

Chung was arrested yesterday morning outside St Andrew's Church, Nathan-road.

PIANO CONCERT BY BRILLIANT YOUNG AMERICAN

By D. E. GRAY

ANOTHER fine artist delighted the audience with a magnificent performance at the keyboard, on Saturday night at Loke Yew Hall. He was Abbey Simon, the brilliant young American concert pianist.

His programme consisted of Cesar Franck's Prelude, Chorale and Fugue, Beethoven's Sonata in E Major Op. 109, a Sonata in A Minor by Prokofiev and the latest Paganini Etudes, the interval occurring after the Prokofiev.

My only criticism of the programme build-up is the placing of the Prokofiev immediately after the Beethoven. The Prokofiev Sonata is a short one-movement work, strongly percussive and full of dynamic vigour, and the artist seemed to enjoy playing it, as he did his third encore—a fantastically difficult Toccata by the same composer.

But I would have welcomed an interval to digest Abbey Simon's excellent interpretation of the Beethoven Sonata. For me this was the finest item in the programme.

Written at the age of 50, Beethoven seems to have poured into this and other instrumental works composed about this time much that he felt was beyond the vocal forms of the great Mass in D which was occupying his thoughts at this time.

Abbey Simon brought out all the beauty and contrast inherent in the Rhapsodie first movement with its light and happy figures, repeatedly broken in upon by the deeply expressive Adagio phrase; but he achieved even more in the last movement—these angelic variations, one in fugue form, and the other a tour de force with its thrilling pedal and the peaceful return of the opening theme at the end.

Abbey Simon certainly proved that this Sonata is one of Beethoven's happiest conceptions in this medium.

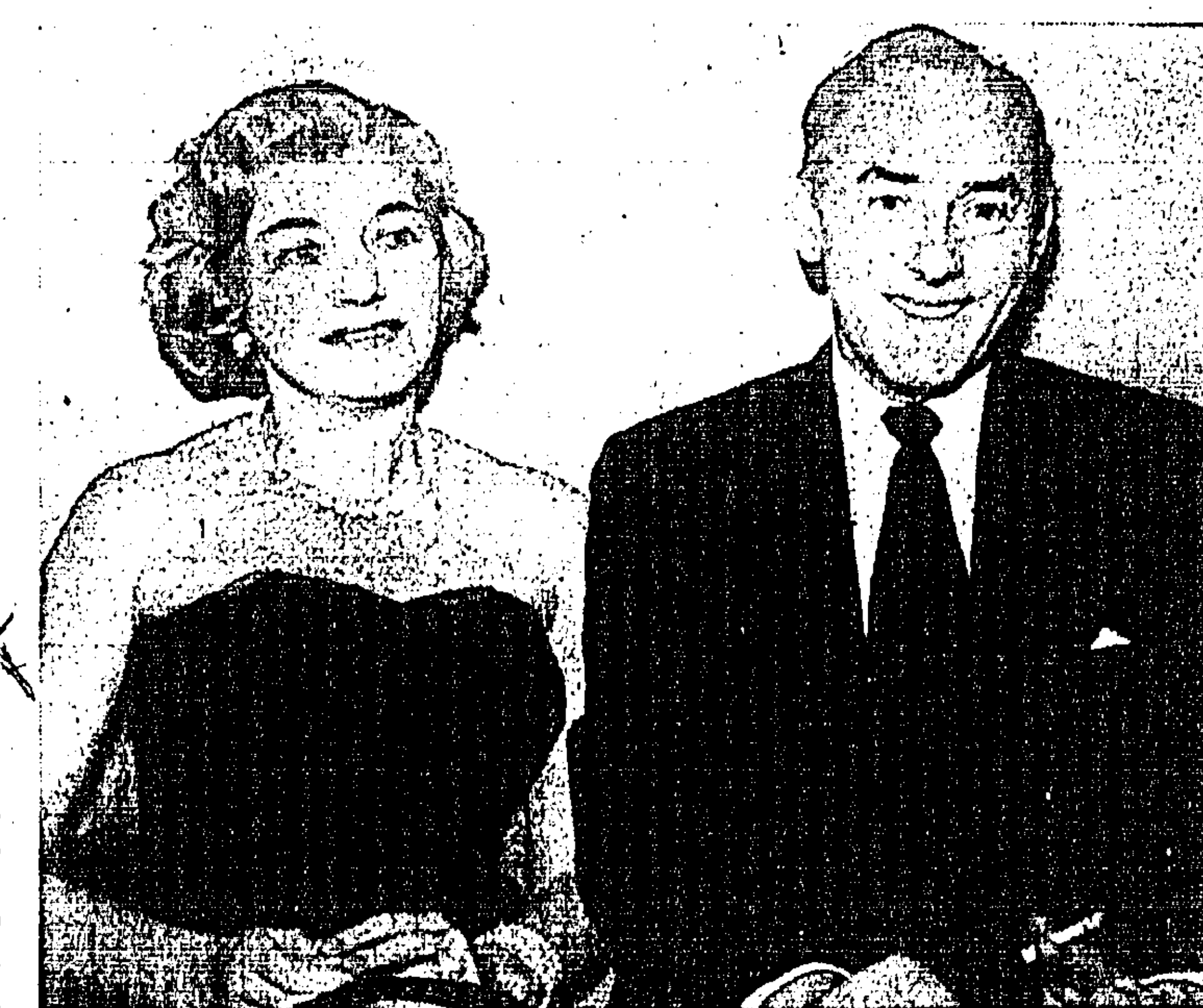
The Cesar Franck seemed to suit admirably the pianist's style of playing. Indeed it was a feature of his playing throughout that he approached each work with reverence and love. His execution of the Liszt was quite staggering. He portrayed all the richness and grandeur of Liszt's transcribing.

Leading scrap merchant visiting Colony

A leading American scrap metal dealer and processor, Mr L. Schiavone is expected to arrive in Hongkong tomorrow morning for a seven-day business visit in the course of a round-the-world tour. Mr Schiavone is accompanied by his wife. He is travelling on the liner Rotterdam. He left the ship at Singapore and will rejoin it on March 15 to continue his journey. Mr Schiavone's firm is the Schiavone-Bonomo Corporation of New Jersey. He is Chairman.

Textile study

Mr Lawrence White, an American textile man representing the South American firm of Larrois of Caracas, Venezuela, arrived by Air-India from Calcutta today. Mr White said the purpose of his visit was to study Hongkong's textile industry.



Michael and Susan Wilding.—China Mail photo

MAN IN COURT ON MURDER CHARGE

Ho Chun-yuen, 36, unemployed of 16 Shun King-terrace, Shek Kip Mei Village, faced Mr J. F. Dargan at North Kowloon Court this morning on a charge of murder and attempted murder.

The defendant was alleged to have murdered Yio Kwai-in alias "Lai Kwai-in," a girl, yesterday at Shun King Terrace. He was also alleged to have wounded with intent to murder Wong Sau-ying, a woman, at the same address. The defendant was remanded for two days for private investigation. No plea was taken.



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